

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Conundrums

It has been observed by a news agency commentator that the Soviet offer to join in a four-Power foreign ministers' conference has strengthened the hand of Sir Winston Churchill at Bermuda. In that it justifies his conviction as well as public opinion in Britain that Russia is still prepared to "talk turkey" on international problems. But while this may well be true, it is equally correct to claim that M. Laniel's position at Bermuda has been made difficult by the Soviet decision. The mind of the French Premier is dominated by the necessity of France ratifying the European Defence Community treaty, but the prospect of this materialising may well have been fatally undermined by the Russian offer to join the Big Four talks. One of the effects of the Soviet proposal must almost inevitably be prolongation of the Assembly's hesitation over the plan to rearm West Germany, a development made all the more likely because of the unlikelihood of the Big Four conference being called before the formation of a new French Government which will follow installation of a new President on January 17.

YET another preoccupation of M. Laniel's at Bermuda will be the question of the United States and Britain maintaining their armed forces for a specified number of years on the Continent. Only a firm promise to do so by Mr Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill can persuade French public opinion that Germany's role in the European Army can be kept within proper limits, and probably only such a promise can give the European Army plan a reasonable chance of survival in the ratification debate set for February next. This in turn poses a question for Mr Eisenhower and Sir Winston. While both can be expected to promise no reduction in the size of their forces in Europe, they may find it difficult, if not impossible, to commit themselves to a specified duration of time. Any guarantee to keep British troops on the Continent for the life of the EDC would amount virtually to Britain joining the organisation which she will not undertake because of her world responsibilities. Thus on European problems there is bound to be much heart-searching at Bermuda.

BIG THREE CHIEFS MEET

FOR 2 1/4 HOURS

"General Review Of World Situation"

NO BASIC DIFFERENCES OF POLICY

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 4.

Sir Winston Churchill, President Eisenhower and M. Laniel ended their first conference here tonight after meeting for about two and a quarter hours.

The Big Three with their Foreign Ministers began "a general review of the world situation" at their session today, a spokesman announced.

A communique said the Foreign Ministers would meet tomorrow to consider the Soviet note.

A French spokesman, who gave the briefing tonight, said M. Georges Bidault spoke first for France with the permission of M. Laniel. Sir Winston Churchill spoke next, then Mr Eisenhower.

Pressed to elaborate the phrase "general review of the world situation," and which particular aspects were discussed, the French spokesman would only say "the interesting world situation."

The spokesman said, in answer to a question: "There are no basic differences of policy between the three delegations."

He said no conclusions had been reached at either meeting.

President Eisenhower, Sir Winston Churchill and M. Joseph Laniel, the French Premier, tonight began their four-day conference after agreement had been reached that a Foreign Ministers' meeting with Russia should be held early in the New Year, according to usually reliable sources.

The decision on a Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference was taken by the Western Foreign Ministers at a meeting lasting for one hour before their chiefs met in the closely guarded Mid-Ocean Club here.

The first task of the Big Three will be to decide the order of business for the conference, which will draw together Western policy in the cold war. Sir Winston Churchill, President Eisenhower and M. Laniel, flanked by their Foreign Ministers and interpreters, sat down at a round table in the spacious dining room of the Mid-Ocean Club less than five hours after the President had arrived by air from Washington with Mr Dulles and advisers.

It was not immediately known whether the Foreign Ministers had agreed to the Soviet proposal of Berlin as the conference site.

Expectations will start work immediately drawing a reply to the Russian note of November 26.

HOPE NOT HIGH

None of the three delegations here held out much hope for the successful outcome of the Berlin conference.

The West maintain that the first step to a German settlement must be free all-German elections before a government to negotiate a peace treaty with the Allies. The Russians hold the opposite view.

Authoritative sources said the West's short reply would rebuff the Russian charges that the projected European Army would revive German aggressiveness and her allegations that the Atlantic Pact's bases menaced Soviet security.

Sir Winston Churchill—looking robust—President Eisenhower and M. Laniel good naturedly faced batteries of cameras for 15 minutes in brilliant sunshine before getting down to business today.

They sat at the entrance of the Mid-Ocean Club as photographers and newsreel cameramen recorded the historic meeting.

Sir Winston Churchill only showed his 79 years when he first refused to descend the entrance steps to chairs set out in the courtyard for the formal photographs.

But after some persuasion by President Eisenhower he consented to walk down, the President holding his arm.

Sir Winston Churchill had some difficulty with the steps but was all good humour with the 100 photographers making the famous V sign in response to their desperate shouts of "Just one more."

President Eisenhower, cheerful and brisk, sat in the centre on one of the three white-and-gold chairs with white and red striped covers, provided for the statesmen. Sir Winston Churchill was on his left and M. Laniel on the right.

PATROL ROOFTOP

American secret servicemen stood within easy distance next to smartly uniformed sentries of the Bermuda rifles—the local territorial force—who with fixed bayonets were guarding the actual main entrance to the sprawling pink walled club.

Marines with Tommyguns patrolled the flat top of the building where searchlights were set up.

The three Foreign Ministers did not appear for the camera session. They had already had their first session.

As the Big Three re-entered the Club, Mr John Foster Dulles, the American State Secretary, appeared briefly at the door.

Sir Winston Churchill with a big cigar and his hair in some disarray, moved slowly but was said to look much better than when he visited Jamaica last year.

President Eisenhower attempted to make conversation with M. Laniel but gave up quickly saying: "My French is worse than his English."

M. Laniel smiled but seemed preoccupied.

M. Laniel and M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, before meeting President Eisenhower at the airport today, made an hour's tour of Bermuda in a car driven by Hamilton with a guide.

Offer To Salvage Warships

Singapore, Dec. 4. Japanese salvage experts here today offered to raise the British battleships Prince of Wales and Repulse which were sunk by Japanese bombers off the coast of Malaya in 1941. The President of the Matsukura Salvage Company, Mr Y. Kuwabara, said, "If the British Government will subsidise the project as their allies are doing in Japan with ships sunk in more than 150 feet of water, my company will raise both warships." — France-Press.

12 MONTHS FOR SEDITION

Irish MP Sentenced

Belfast, Dec. 4. William Kelly, 32-year-old member of the Northern Ireland Parliament, was today found guilty on two charges of sedition.

Kelly, who said he did not recognise the legitimacy of the Belfast Assize Court, was sentenced to 12 months in prison. He had refused to be bound over for five years and the Judge imposed the sentence as an alternative.

The Judge told Kelly, a Republican member for Mid-Tyrone who is pledged to boycott the Belfast Parliament, that he could come out of prison sooner if he changed his mind about being bound over. "I will never change my views," Kelly said as he was led to the cells.

Kelly was alleged to have committed sedition in speeches made during the Northern Ireland general election last October, when he gained a majority of 802 over another Republican candidate. The incident took place at Carrickmore and at Pomeroy.

He stuck his hands in his pockets and did not answer when the Clerk of the Court called his name today. The jury then retired and found him guilty of being "mute of malice" after evidence was given that he could understand and hear and speak English.

SECOND JURY

The Judge, Mr Justice Curran, ordered that plans of not guilty be entered to two charges of sedition and a second jury was sworn in to try him of these charges.

Kelly, who refused to give evidence on oath or call witnesses, made a ten-minute statement to the court. Shouting at times and at others reading from a paper, he said the charges laid against him were not for seditious statements but were of a political nature. This was proved, he claimed, by the fact that he was charged only a month after his speeches were made.

"I will never submit to wearing prison garb," he declared. "You may hold me in your gaols but you will hold me naked." — China Mail Special.

Chinese Troops In Burma

UN Adopts A Resolution

New York, Dec. 4. The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly tonight approved a resolution urging that efforts be continued to evacuate or intern Chinese Nationalist guerrillas in Burma.

The vote was 51 to none with six abstentions.

The Soviet group and Syria abstained.

The resolution also called for the surrender of all arms by these troops.

Two thousand of the estimated 12,000 troops have already agreed to evacuation to the Chinese Nationalist headquarters on Formosa.

Mr Archibald Carey, the United States delegate, reported today that up to November 30 the total number of troops evacuated was 1,215 with an additional group of 200 dependents, making a grand total of 1,421.

GRAVE THREAT

The Indonesian delegate told the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today that the continuing presence of foreign forces in Burma constituted a grave threat to international security with serious repercussions throughout Southeast Asia.

Dr. Abu Hanifah of Indonesia said recent efforts to evacuate Chinese Nationalist troops from Burma had not dispelled fears that he had held and there was a strong indication that the hard core of the Kuomintang forces was remaining.

The Polish delegate, Dr Julius Katz Suchy, charged that the "alleged" evacuation of Nationalist guerrillas had turned out to be a "farce."

He said the evacuation of 2,000 of the estimated 12,000 troops involved had been "arranged and staged direct by the Kuomintang and the United States in order to prevent the United Nations from undertaking any decisive action to meet the threat to Burma's independence."

The so-called evacuation has been used by the Kuomintang as a means for consolidation and strategic regrouping of the forces and the elimination of those no longer useful," he declared.

He said the United States attitude on this problem could not be divorced from the overall aims of the United States foreign policy in the Far East. It had been establishing a far-flung network of military bases. By taking over throughout the Far East the position which was held by Japanese imperialism up to 1945 the United States hoped to stifle the powerful movement for national liberation now sweeping Asia, he charged. — Reuter.

London, Dec. 4. Six men were killed and another gravely injured when a RAF Anson training aircraft crashed at Newton (Nottingham) airfield today.

The twin-engined plane was coming in to land when the crash occurred. — France-Press.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"

RACE 1
Ringway — 6.30 W
Diana — 6.40 W
Aan Hing — 6.50 W
Outsider: No Regrets. 6.00
RACE 2
Hurry On — 7.10 W
Jennifer — 7.20 W
Bright Bay — 7.30 W
Outsider: Santa Clara. 7.00
RACE 3
Free Kick — 7.40 W
How Do I Know — 7.50 W
Pearl of Hongkong — 8.00 W
Outsider: Corbis. 7.10
RACE 4
Royal Command — 8.10 W
Pearl Diver — 8.20 W
Tune-Phono — 8.30 W
Outsider: Flaming Wheel. 8.00
RACE 5
Phoenix — 8.40 W
Cornhill — 8.50 W
Wodonga — 9.00 W
Outsider: Dilempos. 8.10
RACE 6
The Gazelle — 9.10 W
Huntington — 9.20 W
Attractive Power — 9.30 W
Outsider: First Lady. 9.00
RACE 7
Beautiful Star — 9.40 W
Vagabond King — 9.50 W
Say When — 10.00 W
Outsider: Air Power. 9.10
RACE 8
Laddie — 10.10 W
Magpie — 10.20 W
Bright Knight — 10.30 W
Outsider: Ironside. 10.00

By "The Turf"

RACE 1
Aan Hing — 6.30 W
Ringway — 6.40 W
Emperor Delight — 6.50 W
Outsider: No Regrets. 6.00
RACE 2
Ringstead — 7.10 W
Fighting Spirit — 7.20 W
Radio Star — 7.30 W
Outsider: Belle Fontaine. 7.00
RACE 3
Free Kick — 7.40 W
Pearl of Hongkong — 7.50 W
Corbis — 8.00 W
Outsider: Do I Know. 7.10
RACE 4
Royal Command — 8.10 W
Firestone — 8.20 W
Honey Dew — 8.30 W
Outsider: Tune-Phono. 8.00
RACE 5
Cornhill — 8.40 W
Phoenix — 8.50 W
Wodonga — 9.00 W
Outsider: Boom Town. 8.10
RACE 6
Huntington — 9.10 W
First Lady — 9.20 W
Attractive Power — 9.30 W
Outsider: Attractive Power. 9.00
RACE 7
Say When — 9.40 W
Ben Macduhl — 9.50 W
Adorable Ada — 10.00 W
Outsider: Harvest Field. 9.10
RACE 8
Green Velvet — 10.10 W
Ironside — 10.20 W
Laddie — 10.30 W
Outsider: Bonnie Eyes. 10.00

Mother Sees Her Separated Twin Baby

London, Dec. 4.

Mrs Veronica Davies, mother of the Siamese twin girls separated here yesterday, spent today looking at the tiny bandaged form of her surviving baby, Wariboko.

She was told the baby was sleeping and feeding normally and showing progress.

The baby's sister, Tomonotabye, died yesterday two hours after British surgeons battled for her life in a 45-minute operation parting the twins.

A post mortem is to be held to find the cause of her death.

Today Mrs Davies, a shop assistant from Kano, Nigeria, was allowed to peep at Wariboko in her oxygen cage as often as she liked to counteract her grief over Tomonotabye's death.

She will stay at Hammer-smith Hospital near her baby for the next few days.

Wariboko is on the danger list as is usual in post-operative cases. Her convalescence is expected to last less than three weeks.

The twins—four months old—were joined together by an oval bridge between their chests and lower abdomens and shared a liver.

Professor Ian Aird, 45-year-old Professor of Surgery at London University, who separated the children, said before the operation he gave them a 50-50 chance of survival.

Air Disaster

Madrid, Dec. 4.

Several persons were believed to have lost their lives when a Bristol, glider on the Bilbao-Madrid run crashed this afternoon near Somosierra, 60 miles northeast of Madrid.

First reports of the crash mentioned only 12 persons injured but unconfirmed reports state that some persons have lost their lives in the crash, which occurred when the plane attempted an emergency landing and hit a mountain four miles from the Irun highway.

So far, only three known survivors have been taken to hospital. A total of 29 passengers and crew were said to be in the vicinity of the wreckage of the plane, which burst into flames after hitting the mountain. Their fate was not known as rescue parties, so far, hampered by rain and fog, had not been able to reach the plane. — France-Press.

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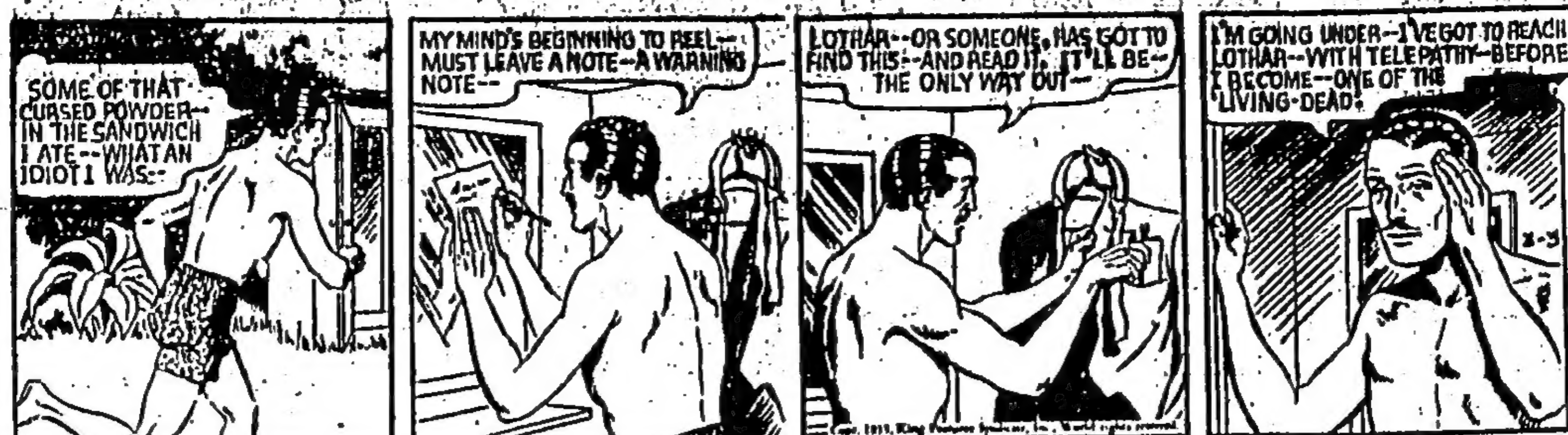
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FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING

By MARGARET BRUCE

Gradually the news about
Christmas Attractions in
the Colony's Cinemas is
creeping through. It's more
in sorrow than in anger that
I confess my fears at making
any predictions, even as
far ahead as tomorrow;
Cinema managements are a
fickle group.But if I promise you
"THE MASTER OF BAL-
LENTRAE" at the Queen's
and Alhambra I think I'll
be fairly safe. This stars
Errol Flynn, and whether
you like him or not, the film
should be just the thing to
go with the tinsel, the
crackers and the feed cake.It's rumoured that the
Empire, King's and Princess
are keeping "MILITARY
POLICEMEN" up their
sleeves until the holidays
too. This is Paramount's
latest Bob Hope film, which
is all the recommendation I
need—but Mickey Rooney
joins him to add to the fun
and complications. The
Roxy and Broadway are
giving us "THE ROBE" as
a Christmas treat. (I
was going to say present
until I heard that the prices
will be increased.) It is
lavish and eagerly awaited
spectacle should launch
Cinemascope very success-
fully.MGM have sent news about
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West Point in 1780.
Wilding is joined in this
venture by his close friendStewart Granger, before he
starts on "BEAU BRUMMEL."
The top feminine star hasn't
been selected yet as far as I
know.I'm delighted to hear that Mel
Ferrer's attractive in "LILI"
—is in another film. This one's
called "SAADIA," and was
made in Morocco with Rita
Gam and Cornel Wilde.Esther Williams' many fans
will be glad to know that her
latest includes a spectacular
fountain and smoke scene,
which reveals her in all her
glory and a variety of form-
fitting bathing dresses.After this Miss Williams is to
be co-starring with Van Johnson
for the fourth time. Tony
Martin is with them and
Esther uses water skills as a
novelty."MOGAMBO" with Ava
Gardner in Africa and an off-
shoulder blouse; also Clark
Gable, should be shown here
fairly soon surely—and so will
"THE BAND WAGON."In this film we will see the
most interesting dance team
that has appeared for years.
Cyd Charisse is going to dance
with Fred Astaire, and that
should be more than just
"worth while watching." This
film has a Broadway setting,
but it seems that Fred's ambi-
tion is to star in a Western. He
must have his Hongkong fans
in mind. And perhaps it's
better than wanting to dance
"Hootie."

IT'S GOOD FOR YOU

Now we face our immediate
future where the Cinema is
concerned. There are so many
first class films available that itis difficult to know where to
start. Running through the
Cinemas in alphabetical order
then—THE CAPITOL and LIBERTY
are delighting their audiences
with Alice Guinnes's assistance
in "THE CAPTAIN'S PARA-
DISE." Don't miss it. It's the
very cream of entertainment.
This Guinness really is good
for you.There will be a re-issue
(which means a fresh print) of
"ANCHORS AWIGH." This
stars a young and lovely
Kathryn Grayson, Frank Sinatra
before his Oscar obsession
seduced him from his natural
habitat, and Gene Kelly at the
peak of his dancing powers.It's also one of the first films
to incorporate a cartoon
sequence and, like all originals,
it is far, far better than any
subsequent imitations. Here is a
film I can honestly recommend
as good family entertainment.
It is a musical that has never
been surpassed.

COMING!!!

For three weeks now I've
been telling you about "THE
5,000 FINGERS OF DR. T."
I shall insist on calling the poor
man Dr Terwilliker. Not out
of spite. That is his name.At last I believe it really will
be shown at the EMPIRE
and KING'S. I've still not been
able to see a preview, and the
press book makes it sound
stupid beyond endurance.Yet it is a Stanley Kramer
production, and I've never seen
him make a bad film. It might
be worth a visit to check up,
and again I should think per-
fectly safe to take the children.
Particularly those who are
learning to play the piano.Their next attraction, and at
the PRINCESS, will be just that
—an attraction! "HOUDINI",
starring Janet Leigh and Tony
Curtis, is the safest box-office
bet I've heard of for a long
time. It is with great self-
control that I offer you a picture
of Tony Curtis today. The
violence of feeling, no inspires
in his fans seems a more
pressing need than that of
others who, like myself, would
prefer a scene from "FAN
PARADISE" or, in fact, any of
the current showings. And I
also feel it will be a sop to
soothe the troubled hearts when
I tell you that I am in the un-
fortunate position of being not
only unable to see the reason
for the Curtis Cult, but openly
repelled. I apologise in ad-
vance to any hurt teenagers
when I list him as my No. 1
reason for my not liking
"HOUDINI". (Remember the
picture!)Reason No. 2 is the wrapping
of absurdity with which they
have shrouded this great show-
man's life. If, as he threatens
at the end of the film, he
"Comes Back," I hope he doesn't
see this film. Or would he be
amused? He'd certainly be
surprised at his screen mother's
gullibility.

CLASSIC TALE

Now, I'm sure that most
people will go to see "FANFAN
LA TULIPPE" without any
urging. They won't be dis-
appointed. This is the classic
tale of a fabulous character
who wins battles single-handed,
and is infallible with women.
He is told a fake fortune, and
his supreme self-confidence, so
well founded, brings about its
fulfilment at the Court of Louis
XV. It's full of fun and wit,
and is photographed with the
wonderful quality of the French
cinema. It's the loveliest one
finds in a Watteau or Fragonard
painting.However, let me not distract
you from the stars. Gina
Lollobrigida is a ravishing
heroine and Fanfan is played
by a restless young actor called
Gerrard Philippe. As you would
expect this film is well-spiced
with naughtiness, but it's so
well handled and with such a
light touch.Then we come to another of
those ominous threats in the
George Orwell "Animal Farm"
manner, "CATTLE TOWN."
Just that! Who'll run it I
wonder, without any pigs? I'll
tell you—Dennis Morgan. His
Singer-like voice, who softly
crooned for the ladies while his
bulletins hummed for the law. I
quote! Seriously, the highlight
is a stampee, and for sheer
horror it couldn't be better.

VERY FRENCH

Consider this situation—Your
son taps on your door at two in
the morning and begs you not
to disturb yourself and get him
a glass of milk. (The ideal) With
great cunning you creep through
a conveniently placed archway,
presumably to tap him teasingly
on the shoulder. And what do
you find? He is clutching
greedily at a dizzy blonde, a
stranger to you, and about
whose presence he then tells
you several varying stories.Finally, in desperation they
both dash for the door. Some
minutes later you enter his bed-
room with a frilly nightgown,
which you pretend to the blonde,
who has returned stealthily, saying
to your son "You couldn't fool
your old man. I know you'd
just got married even though
you'd scarcely had time to be
introduced." Well, she was
right—but he'd have fooled her!The colour, too, is attractive.
But against this there is un-
doubted entertainment value
for all those who are prepared
to be credulous. And film
"magic" can be linked so
amazingly that I really prefer
it to the real thing. You'll
either endure or insipidize over
Mr. Curtis and Janet Leigh's
figure is outstanding. You see
I'm not what a pity that
like so many stars, she has
succumbed to the temptationI'm very happy to say that a
new company has been formed
in Hongkong to distribute
French films. They have a
tremendous public and are
usually good, although I don't
belong to the school of thought
that would rather see a bad
French film than anything else.
And I'm not at all sure about
"DOMENICA" (ROXY
& BROADWAY.) It is Odile
Versois that makes me so
doubtful. Beyond a tendency to
throw off her clothes at frequent
intervals, I could see no value
in her performance.Her face is so very immobile
—if you happen to be looking
that way. It's the unhappy tale
of an estranged husband and
wife, brought together in an
unusually violent and distasteful
way by the wife's love affair
and the murder of the lover by
her husband.It's very French, of course,
and many will applaud it.
After an interval, during
which they will show a Chinese
film, Alister Sim's masterly
Scrooge returns, reasonably
enough, in "A CHRISTMAS
CAROL." Dickens, like his oppo-
sition, Scott, said for entirely
different reasons, screens heav-
ily, and here is a film
full of humour and, if only, for
Sim, in fact I'll make it more
humorous, only for Sim, see it.

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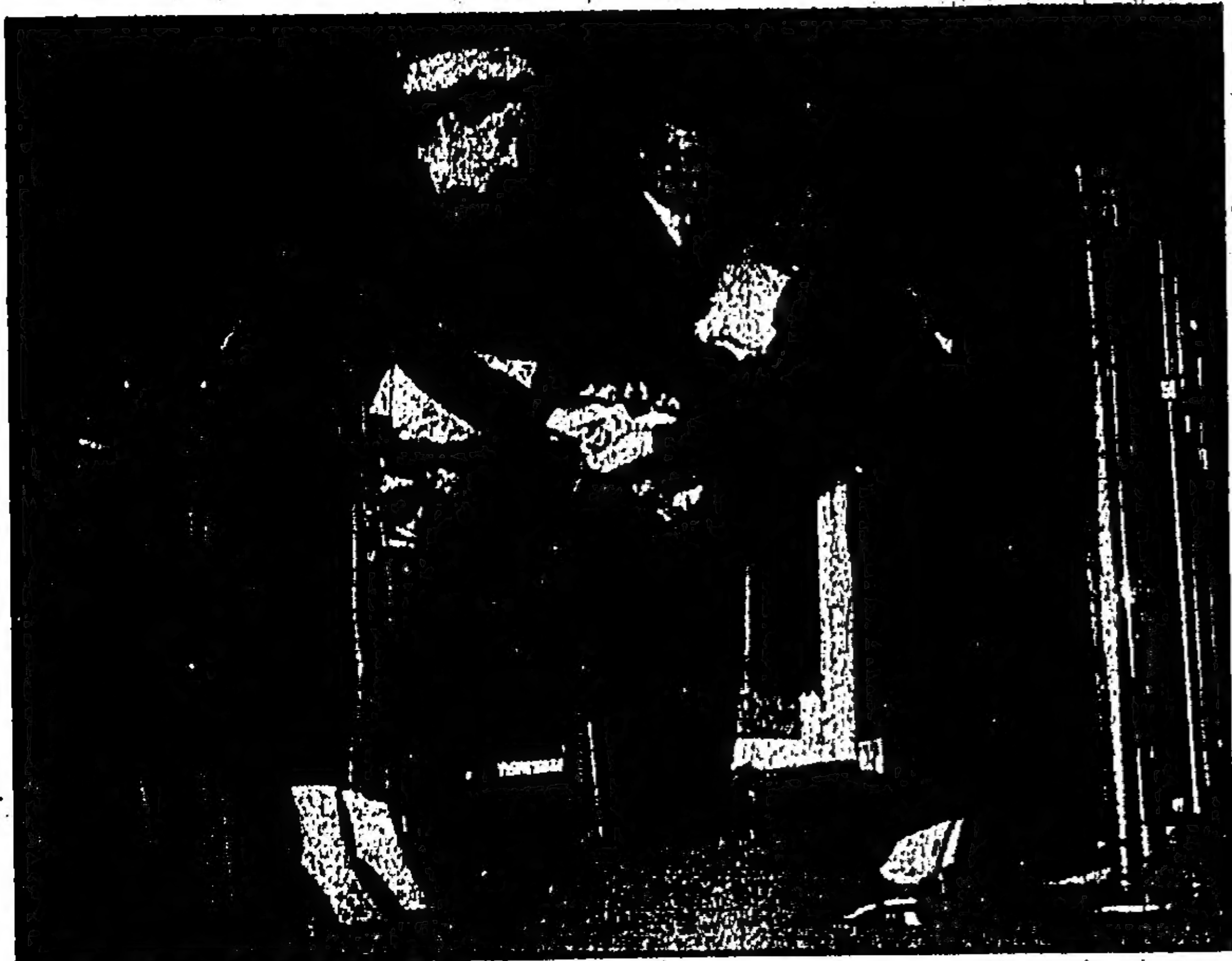
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PRINCESS MARGARET, in a deep burgundy velvet coat and small white hat, receives a bouquet from a boy from Chetham's Hospital School on her arrival at the Royal Exchange, Manchester, where she opened the reconstructed portion of the blitzed building. (Express)



SEEN at the Savoy, London, for the annual dinner of the Aircraft Golfing Society are Squadron Leader Neville Duke and his wife (left), chatting with Wing Commander Mike Lithgow and Mrs Lithgow. Lithgow and Duke are Britain's fastest pilots, with the former holding Britain's air speed record. (Express)



CAPTAIN A. C. Lornie, pilot of the stratocruiser Canopus which took the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Bermuda, about to be served with an underdone steak by his wife at their Chelsea home. When Mrs Lornie returned to her flat, after seeing the Queen's plane depart, she found that burglars had called and had ransacked the place. (Express)



IGOR OISTRAKH, 23-year-old Russian violinist, whose playing of Beethoven's Violin Concerto with the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall stunned the audience. He is the son of David Oistrakh, Russia's leading violinist, and has studied under Pyotr Stollarsky. London critics are already saying that young Igor need not bow to any living competitor. (Express)



MR Clement Attlee, escorted by Colonel A. J. Steele, Captain of the Honourable Artillery Company, inspects a Guard of Honour of Pikemen before going to the Guildhall to receive the Freedom of the City of London. (Express)



AFTER being presented by the American Ambassador in London, Mr Winthrop Aldrich, with the Distinguished Service Cross, the highest award for bravery the U.S. Government can make to nationals of another country, Lt-Col. James Carne, Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment, is congratulated by the Duke of Gloucester. (Express)



A fog disperser the size of a vacuum cleaner is being tested on a sports ground at Sunbury-on-Thames, watched by an official from the Ministry of Supplies research station at Farnborough. The machine increased lateral visibility, but there was little clearance overhead, and the test was called inconclusive. (Express)

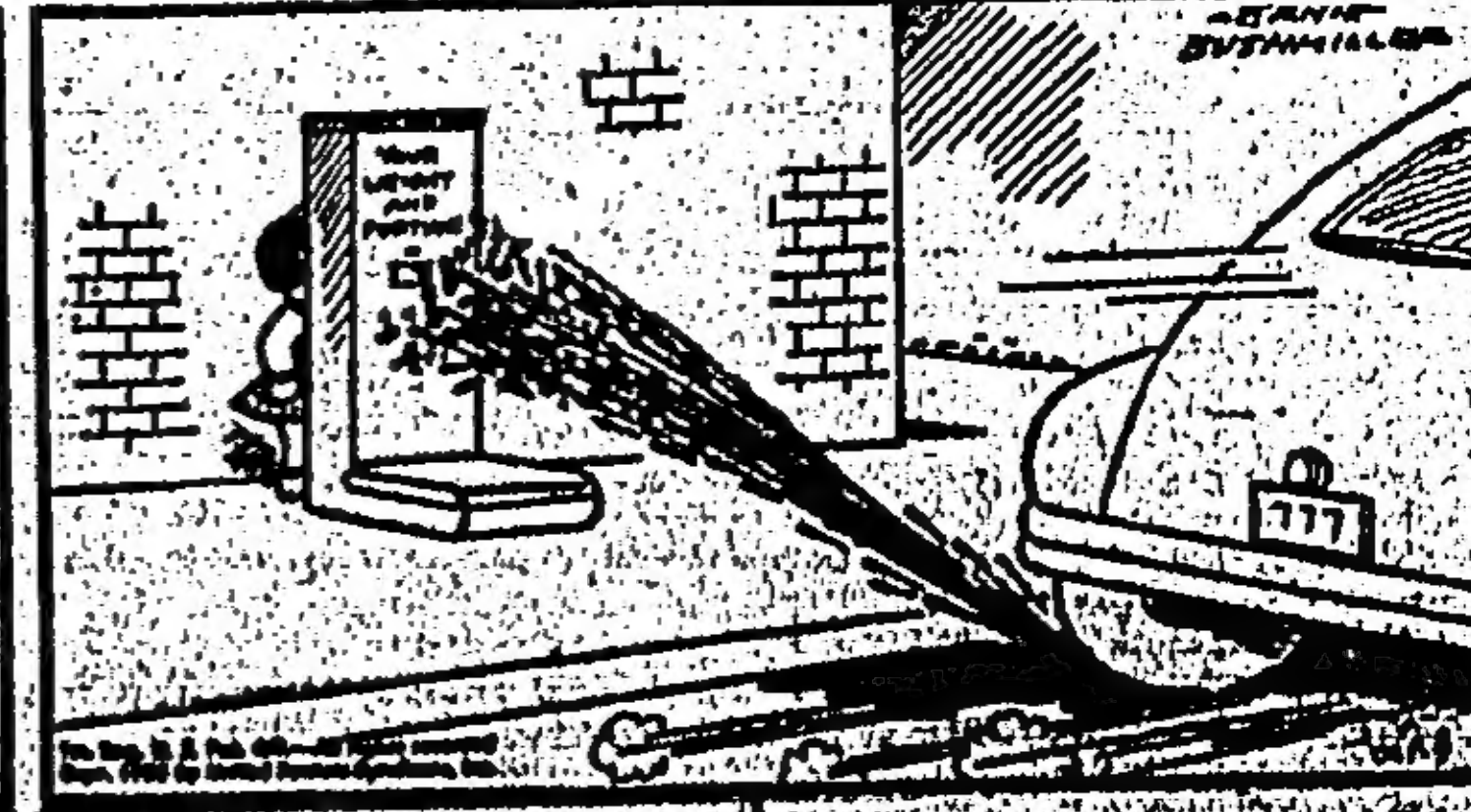
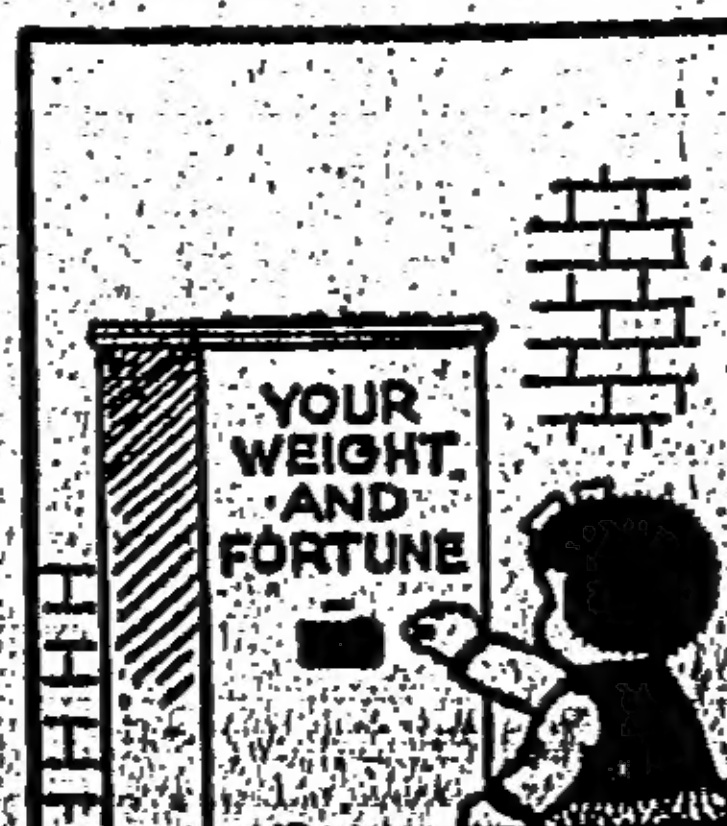


MISS Robina (Ruby) MacDonald, Princess Margaret's maid, with her husband, Mr Norman Gordon, former Royal footman, after their marriage at Caxton Hall Registry Office. The couple first met four years ago at Balmoral Castle. Mrs Gordon will continue to serve the Princess. (Express)

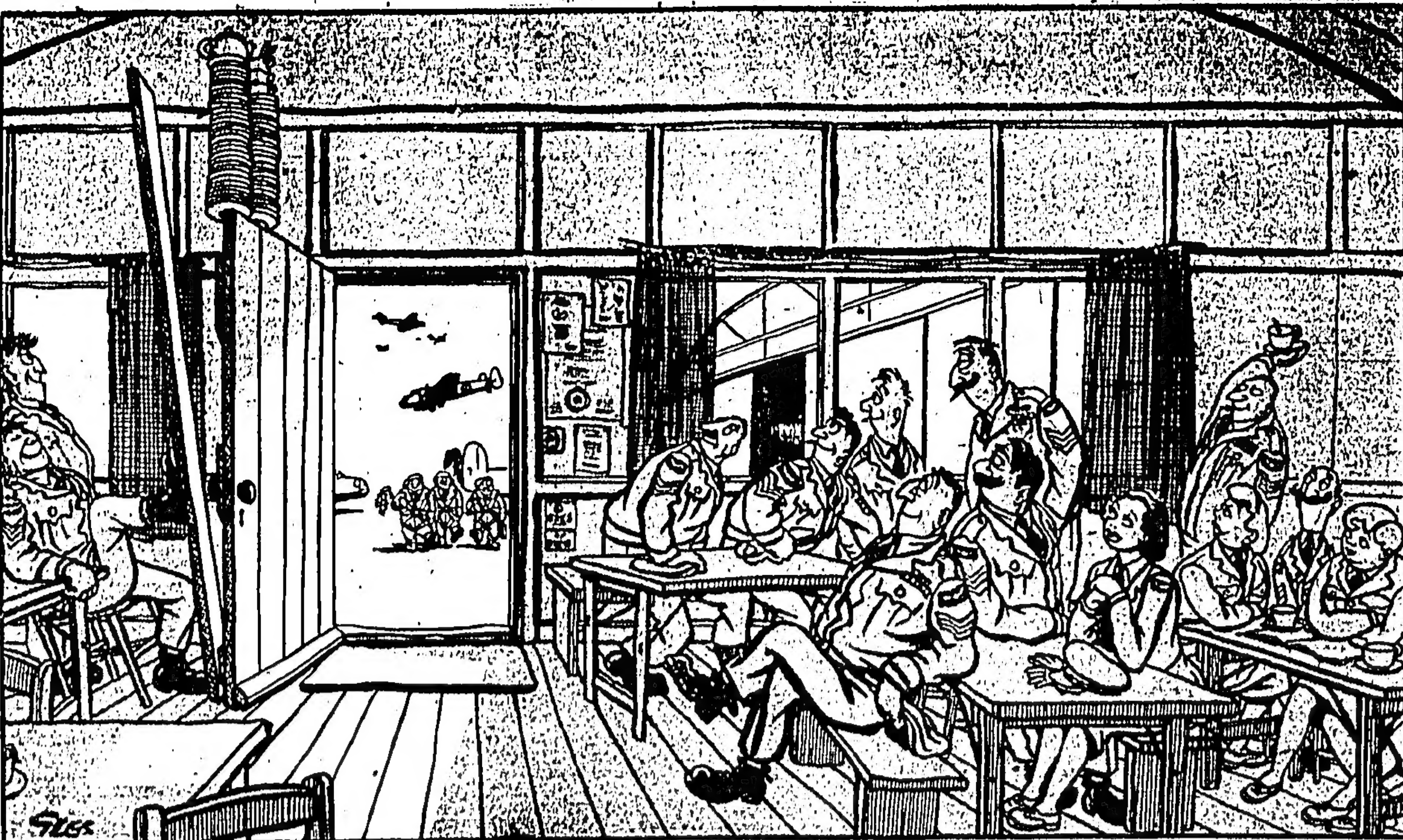


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By Ernie Bushmiller



"Just let one of 'em say they've seen a flying saucer"

—(London Express Service)

THE BIG NAMES OF OUR TIMES. . . . A PIERCING LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARK CORNERS . . .

"A GREAT Empire and little minds go ill together," wrote Edmund Burke. And more than a century later the Tory Party, impelled by the ex-Radical Jos Chamberlain, look up a policy of inter-Empire Trade Protection as the best way of welding the rest of the Empire together.

At least, they took it up in phrase. Not in fact. It made a fine, resounding peroration to many an otherwise flat, uninspiring address. Now another half century has gone by, a large part of it under predominantly Tory rule in Britain. The faithful are still waiting for the policy. And still getting only the peroration.

Why? Perhaps Stanley Baldwin, the man who talked so much about the Tory cure of Protection, and was three times Prime Minister of Britain, never believed in it at all. The amazing tale is told in Mr. Leopold Amery's fascinating new book.

In October 1922 Lloyd George's Coalition Government had broken up. After a dramatic, stormy session at the Carlton Club the Tory M.P.s voted to secede from the Coalition. The "same afternoon" Lloyd George resigned the Premiership. "Does little Baldwin think he can turn us out?" the Prime Minister had asked his colleagues contemptuously a few days before, when he learned that Mr. Stanley Baldwin was one of the leading dissidents within the Ministry. But at the Carlton Club little Baldwin was the ex-man who chopped down the doomed Coalition.

A few months later Bonar Law's frail health broke down, and he quit the Premiership. Little Baldwin, "a person of the utmost insignificance," as Garston described him, stepped up.

The General Election of 1922 resulted in a Tory victory, but it divided the Tory Party. It needed a new General Election to bring the Strays back into the fold.

But was there any adequate public reason for holding another General Election in the autumn of 1923? Well, unemployment was rising, dangerously, once more. What could be done to tackle it?

If you were a devoted Tory of the Empire school, as Leo Amery certainly was and ever has been, you would say "Impose the Tory policy of Empire Trade Protection." But Bonar Law had pledged to

THE MISCHIEF ONE MAN CAN DO

by Frank Owen

make no "fundamental change in fiscal policy" in the new Parliament.

So Amery was thrilled when one evening the new Prime Minister rang him up at the Admiralty (he was then First Lord of the Admiralty) and asked him to drop in to see him at Downing Street when Amery arrived Baldwin told him that he had come to the conclusion that nothing but Protection could measure up to the problem of Britain's unemployment.

"What Baldwin did not tell me," says Amery, "and what never occurred to my innocent mind . . . was that what had really prompted so sudden a decision was the report which had reached him that Lloyd George was coming home from his visit to the United States and Canada full of ideas of a bold Empire policy with Imperial Preference well in the forefront."

"Far from welcoming a convert Baldwin only saw the danger of Lloyd George consolidating his hold over the old Coalition Unionists and so reassessing his influence over the Tory Party as a whole."

Getting In Quick Then Mr. Amery quotes the statement Mr. Baldwin made to Dr. Tom Jones many years later. "Rightly or wrongly, I was convinced you could not deal with unemployment without a tariff . . . I felt it was the one issue which would pull the party together, including the Lloyd George malcontents."

"The Goat [L.G.] was in America. He was going to the water when I made the speech and the Liberals did not know what to say. I had information that he was going Protectionist, and I had to get in quick. . . . Dished the Goat, as otherwise he would have got the party with Austen and F.E. [Chamberlain and Birkhead], and there would have been an end

of the Tory Party as we knew it."

Now the first thing to be said about this story, that Baldwin believed L.G. was going Protectionist and meant to jump in ahead of him, is that there exists no evidence whatever of the kind. But somebody had planted the suspicious mind of this politician who played as a lifelong actor the part (these are Amery's words) of: "A typical, Saxon, bluff and phlegmatic, tolerant and always ready to see the other man's point of view . . . but underneath the strong Celtic strain—emotional, impulsive, secretive and intensely personal in its likes, dislikes and moral judgments."

Jumped Gun. Actually at the period when Mr. Baldwin professes to have received information that Lloyd George was about to embrace Protection, L.G. was engaged in a one-month whirlwind tour of Canada and the United States.

On his landing at Southampton L.G. at once denounced Baldwin's policy to the journalists who met him there as: "Unutterable folly." "An insult to an intelligent but starving people."

Not unfair. For acting on his mere suspicion (or pure "hunch") Mr. Baldwin had jumped the gun. Overnight and in the event, quite fatally for his party and their true policy, he had decided to commit them, all unprepared, to a Protectionist Election.

He suddenly unloaded it upon his Cabinet according to Amery, "as a complete bombshell to most of them." Mr. Baldwin then hurried into a General Election.

The Tory Government lost 88 seats, and though they still outnumbered either the Labour Opposition or the complete bombshell they had to resign and make way for a minority Labour Administration.

As a result, the Tory Party, under Baldwin in future, took



THE AUTHOR
The Rt. Hon. Leo Amery, P.C., C.H.

up an official negative attitude towards Empire Protection. Mr. Baldwin had apparently decided that though Protection alone could cure unemployment it could not win elections. In the event, Labour's blunders did the necessary, and in 1924 the Zinoviev "Red Letter" scare brought Mr. Baldwin back for a second term with a huge majority. And then, to Mr. Churchill's own utter surprise, he had only first rejoined the Tory Party after 20 years opposing them—Mr. Baldwin made him Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Amery says frankly that Mr. Baldwin's main motive was the fear that if Churchill was left out of office he might renew the association between himself, L.G., Austen Chamberlain and Birkhead, to the detriment of Mr. Baldwin's authority.

So this Protectionist Prime Minister put a convinced Free Trader into a key financial and economic position in his Tory Government.

A Barrier

"It was a disastrous appointment," says Amery. "Disastrous from the national point of view; even more disastrous for the Conservative Party." Mr. Amery agrees that, later on, Churchill was to become, "by circumstances and by his own genius, the greatest statesman of his age," but in Baldwin's Tory Government of 1924-29 Churchill, at the Exchequer was a barrier to any effective application of the only positive and constructive Tory policy, i.e. Protection.

"With all his eloquence and dominating personality he represented these 19th-century political and economic habits of thought whose dead hand had weighed so heavily against such a policy, and was to continue to frustrate it."

So, Amery says, Churchill by "sheer pertinacity and vehemence," and Baldwin by "evasive inertia" defeated all real efforts to fulfil Baldwin's own election pledge to safeguard any efficient British industry against unfair foreign competition.

Deflation and free imports, says Amery, brought wage cuts and bitter industrial strife, and made the workers turn to Socialism.

More Serious

Mr. Churchill, he believes, sealed his fate in 1945 by his folly in 1924-29. His "errors" at that time Mr. Amery attributes to lack of knowledge and to possession of a "character, not to say obstinate, character." But for Stanley Baldwin, Mr. Amery has a harsher judgment. He was idle—and politically unprincipled, though personally a man of high honour.

Mr. Amery's appraisal of Baldwin as that of no statesman, but "an adroit and relentless politician." Perhaps, more serious than little minds, "Great Empires and large minds go ill together."

Following Your Nose To Paradise

By Yorke Henderson

FOR the last few miles to Zanzibar you follow your nose. Long before the Indian Ocean island looms low and blue on the horizon, the soft tang of cloves on the monsoon air wafts a welcome.

The "cloves call" has for centuries brought Arab dhows and even Chinese junkies into the island's historic harbour. The dhows still come under their ogle-nosed captains, richly-encrusted daggers in their sashes, although it is a long time since the island saw the exotic shape of a junk.

Modern civilisation is only beginning to catch up on Zanzibar. And unobtrusively at that. Even the new airport buildings smack of the Arabian Nights—with their cool-verandahs behind Moorish arches; and the daily one-hour programme by the Zanzibar Broadcasting Service begins with a ten-minute reading from the Koran.

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For Zanzibar is still ruled by a Sultan, although the island is officially a protectorate under the wing of Britain's Colonial Office. The Sultan, 74-year-old Seyyid Sir Khalifa Bin Harub, is a devout and strict Moslem despite his affability and reputation for tolerance.

His 1,250-square-mile coral kingdom is a Paradise Island in a tension-free, modern world. The latest annual report on Zanzibar, published by the Colonial Office in London, is in startling contrast to the reports on other colonies. Here is no strife, no terrorism, no smouldering nationalist or incipient Communism. It's like reading Jane Austen after a diet of Steinbeck.

The only sensational fact in the report is the announcement that islanders in the capital demonstrated when a handful of cattle owners were convicted of failing to inoculate their cattle against anthrax.

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Otherwise the report tells of smooth progress. The "national debt" stood at £66,000, borrowed from the National Bank of India to finance an electricity scheme. The cost of living showed little change—there were actually several decreases. Cloves sales were down; but then copra sales were up. The health report was satisfactory and the medical officers were able to say that the island had maintained its record of staying free from serious diseases. Even the crime figures looked good.

With a fine sense of understatement, the report, after commending a type of native housing as "inexpensive and convenient," admits that "one of its chief defects is a tendency for the roof to collapse." But that's Zanzibar all over. There are lots more palm fronds to make up the roof on Paradise Island.

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MY LIFE STORY HOW I GOT TO HOLLYWOOD

A PETITE blonde with green eyes came into my life during my first real theatrical tour and, thank goodness, she has been there ever since.

Greta Konen, a Finnish-born girl who went to America as a child, dressed Katherine Cornell's hair for the stage and ran her tiny fingers through mine when the show was over.

I courted her in Chicago, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, in the chilly cold of Detroit and in the genial warmth of San Francisco, and a year later I married her in New York after watching a baseball game at the Yankee Stadium.

No Honeymoon

LATER that evening we celebrated at a local hotel with a steak dinner for the eight or ten of us including Greta's brother, and some actor friends. I think Greta paid for the "backstage" since she was the wage-earner just then.

There was no honeymoon. I was broke. Greta and I moved into my flat on East 39th Street. It just meant carrying a suitcase across from her brother's apartment. We paid \$14 a week for a bedroom, a living room, and a kitchenette, and a bath. But to both of us it was very much home. There we dreamed of the future, but neither of us conjured up visions of what really did happen.

Good Partners

NOWADAYS, when we relax in our sprawling, comfortable home in Hollywood, with such good friends round us as the Richard Widmarks, the William Wyllers, Mel Ferrer, and Dorothy McGuire, we laugh over those dear days of not so long ago when I used to count the cents in my pockets and Greta was the only breadwinner in the family.

Greta describes ourselves as a "jigger and goon" partnership, which is quite unexplainable if you don't know Greta and me. Greta is definitely the "jigger," so obviously I—the lazy one—am the "goon," and all I can say is that it has worked admirably for ten years. I suppose it is something on the lines of opposites making good partners.

But we do agree on many things. We both like children, sunshine, horseback riding, Mexican food and tequila, the spirit distilled from the native Mexican cactus. Our friends like the hot, spiced Mexican food and tequila also, which is handy when we have a party.

Strangest Thing

BROAD, I like the wine of the country; champagne in France (laced with Guinness in England), Pernod, etc.; in Britain (apologies to Scotland and Ireland) I prefer gin or beer. But only in moderation. I am not a heavy drinker.

When I am film-making I drink only soft drinks during the working day and relax slightly at night. Quite recently I have given up cigarettes, temporarily, because I found I was smoking automatically, which doesn't make sense.

Most Critical

THE most critical week in my life came just about this time. I was playing in "The Morning Star," which opened in Philadelphia, and the critics "panned" me, as well as the show.

In a week's time we were opening on Broadway. My first Broadway show, My big chance was coming, and it looked from the critics' notices that I was destined for a big flop.

During that vital week I went over my part 16 hours a day with Greta, which, with three hours on the stage, left me only four hours to sleep.

I must have read the play 100 times, with Greta sitting patiently in a corner with the script, correcting me, criticising my voice and my movements, praising me sometimes. I could not have found anyone else with patience and understanding to stick it out as she did. Greta was a brick.

The play went on in Broadway. It folded in four weeks but I was praised by the critics. I had made my mark.

I wasn't long looking for a new part. "My next Broadway play was 'The Willow and I,' which lasted for five weeks. The play flopped, but again the critics were kind to me. I began to get movie offers.

Back in New York I did another play. Which also flopped, but that was memorable because there I met Max Reinhardt, the famous German producer, then at the end of his career. This was the genius of the stage, a quiet old man with white hair and compelling features, told me: "The difference between our selves in the theatre and those outside is that they stop playing when they stop being children."

We continue playing all our lives."

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By **GREGORY PECK**

Sam Goldwyn saw me in one of my Broadway plays when I was unknown. He telephoned my agent who has since made a name as the impresario of "South Pacific" and "Call Me Madam," etc. "What do you want for this fellow Peck?" asked Sam.

First Contract

ELAND HAYWARD, my agent, didn't know that I existed. I was just a name and a number on his New York books, while he operated from his Hollywood headquarters.

"I'll call you back," he said, and then he got busy with his New York office and found out that I was on his books.

When he called Sam again he asked cautiously "What are you offering?" and Sam said: "Oh, a thousand a month."

"Make it three thousand." And Sam agreed.

I signed my first contract for four pictures with R. K. O. and they threw in a 5,000 dollar bonus on the spot. When I got back to Greta with the cheque we danced a jig all over our small apartment.

"It's a honeymoon, Greta," I shouted, and we had a grand time picking a place to go. We chose Arizona, and six months after our wedding, we had our honeymoon in desert surroundings at the Camel Back Inn, Phoenix, Arizona. They were three idyllic weeks we swam, rode—Greta is a great little horsewoman—and square danced; went for midnight horseback rides in the desert and romped like a couple of kids.

Lot To Learn

FOR the first time in my married life we had no money worries. Little Greta with her Scandinavian features, wide cheekbones, widely-spaced eyes, peppy and vivacious, came gloriously to life. She forgot to be a housewife except when she brushed back my unruly mop after a vigorous gallop in the desert.

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den. I settled down to film work and discovered that it was difficult. I had a lot to learn. I was not very secure in my technique on the stage either.

I found out that on the films you have to think your intentions; on the stage you think and show your intentions. Film work calls for more clear thinking and honest feeling than does the stage. Notice that there are no leading people on films, who are "hams." On the stage there are.

On the screen more than on the stage, if you grimace it looks as big as a house. Mind you there are people like Olivier who are just as efficient in either medium. In a sentence: "screen acting is behaving—stage acting is acting."

Happiest Day

THE happiest day of my life had nothing to do with films or acting. It was on July 22 nine years ago. I had been nervously pacing the waiting room of a Hollywood maternity hospital. Other pained fathers were there too. The ashtrays were filled with half-smoked cigarettes. And then it happened.

This maternity hospital had the delivery theatre wired to the public address system. The speaker in the waiting room crackled, and a brisk pleasant voice said: "Mr. Peck... I stood feet apart, sweating, watching that damned infernal instinct which I wanted to shout 'Come on, come on...'"

The speaker went on: "Mr. Peck, your son wants to speak to you." ... and my face, drawn into the haggard, craggy lines of Abraham Lincoln, murmured that ever it had been, relaxed.

My Hobby

FILM-MAKING is my hobby as well as my job, and I shot thousands of feet of film when I was in Rome for shooting back home on my private screen, "Roman Holiday" was a Peck family holiday also. Greta and the kids came with me to Europe, and we stayed at a lovely old farmhouse just outside Rome. When I wasn't on the set I photographed Rome and the Peck family with movie and still cameras. I carry a battery of cameras around with me. Greta started me off on this hobby to get me to relax.

At home I have a 16mm. projector for my own amateur films and a 35mm. job for the professional films. Usually I hire them for our parties, and eight or nine times a year Greta and I slip out to the local cinema and pay our dollars like anyone else.

My Favourites

FILM actors rarely possess copies of their own films. They are not easy to get. But I did manage to get three of mine, "Twelve O'Clock High," "The Valley of Decision," and "The Keys of the Kingdom," and when Greta wants to bring me down to earth she puts them on and we sit and pick out the bits that I think I could do better today. We call the films our museum pieces.

As a boy—don't laugh, I mean it—my film favourites were Rin Tin Tin and, of course, Charlie Chaplin. I still consider Rin Tin Tin one of the best actors of all time. Charlie is one of the immortals. But today my favourite actors are Spencer Tracy and Laurence Olivier among the men and Greta Garbo and Ingrid Bergman among the women.

Of all the beautiful and talented screen actresses I have played opposite, I rate Ingrid Bergman the top. She has determination and artistic discipline.

And Ava Gardner is the most down-to-earth attitude to herself and her work that I have ever encountered in a profession where a little vanity is easily allowed.

Ingrid came to my rescue when we were making "Spellbound." One of the scenes showed a short take of the two of us starting off on a ski run. I had never worn skis in my life but I wouldn't admit. So with the skis fastened on and the ice picks or whatever you call them in my hands I stumbled to the top of an awful looking slide. Ingrid must have noticed my clumsiness. "Have you ever skied before, Greg?" she asked. I confessed I hadn't. "I thought not," said Ingrid, wrinkling her expressive face. Then she addressed the technicians: "Look, pile mattresses over there... no, just a little nearer... that'll do."

Lost Control

THE cameras whirled, the assistant producer called out "start acting," and Ingrid and I moved off into a glorious ski-run... for 20 yards. The moment we were out of the camera's range I lost control and Ingrid. But her hand-capping was excellent. I finished up on top of the mattresses safe and sound and humiliated. Ingrid, who is an expert skier, cried the mattresses laughing. "Greg, you do look funny," she said.

Thank goodness the shot was "in the can" and we did not need to do it again.

In the ten years I have been in pictures I have played with a few child artists, but I never feel happy with them in front of the camera. They mouth their lines as they have been taught and they go through the motions, but they are too young to have stored up experiences. They are too young to understand their parts. I know that there may be exceptions but I think it has been proved time and time again that young prodigies do not make a success as adult actors.

Felt Old

SEVENTEEN or eighteen is an ideal age to begin to learn to be an actor.

Recently, in Hollywood, I bumped into a strapping young air Force officer who greeted me with "Nice to see you again Mr. Peck."

I couldn't place him until he reminded me that he had played in one of my films as a boy of 11. I began to feel old very suddenly.

Next Saturday

Gregory Peck Takes The Lid Off Hollywood And Tells The Truth About The Film City

PARIS NEWSLETTER...from SAM WHITE

THE PICASSOS PART • At 72, Pablo is in love again

Paris. AFTER seven years of a life together, painter Pablo Picasso and 32-year-old Francoise Gilot, have separated.

Reason: At 72, the tempestuous Picasso has fallen in love again.

At present Picasso is living in his Left Bank studio while Francoise and their two children, Claude (6) and Paloma (4), are staying in his Paris flat.

The news has caused consternation in Vallauris, the Riviera pottery village where Picasso lives most of the year. There his fame has made the village into a major tourist attraction; his interest has revived its ancient pottery industry.

Will Picasso continue to live at Vallauris after his separation from Francoise? The villagers can be reassured—Picasso will return to live among them while Francoise remains in Paris.

The news has saddened Picasso's friends, who found them a happy and devoted couple.

For the greater part of their life together the wife has re-

mained in the background, little known in Paris, and seemingly entirely occupied with her children. It is only this year that the slim and beautiful brunette became a distinct and well-known personality.

In two exhibitions in Paris this year she showed herself an able painter. In a series of stage designs for Paris ballet performances she established a reputation as a brilliant stage designer.

Life with Picasso could not have been easy. "Picasso is chaos personified. His moods alternate between melancholia, in which he detests everything, including himself and his work, and exaltation. As for his views, they are a torrent of contradictions."

But Francoise has a different view. She said recently: "To listen to him and to work by his side is like undergoing a glorious liberating experience. He is the most broadminded and tolerant man imaginable; even when giving advice to me on my painting he does so reluctantly as though hating the idea that he should influence me in any way."

DE GAULLE

FRANCOISE from a tour of French Equatorial Africa and a visit

to Emperor Haile Selassie, General de Gaulle returned to Paris to give one of his remarkable Press conferences.

These conferences are more in the nature of adulatory mass meetings than serious question and answer bouts with the Press. First, de Gaulle's "shadow cabinet" occupy the front seats at the conference, along with members of the Government which de Gaulle denounces.

Then there is a solid body of followers who occupy most of the seating accommodation and break out into frequent cheers and applause.

The general's remarks alternate between mock self-pity and expressions of national fervour. This time his speech fairly crackled about "British duplicity and cunning."

The British plot, apparently, was to allow France to become absorbed in the European Army while she fled her Empire. Chief villains in the plot were Earl Mountbatten and Lord Galt, fairly named thus—Lord Alexander of Galt, with Lady (truly) Tully.

It was all good old-fashioned stock anti-British melodrama of turn-of-the-century vintage.

FOOLPROOF

CONGRATULATIONS to a Paris cinema which has found a way of dealing with women who wear hats during performances. It flashes a notice on the screen: "Elderly ladies may keep their hats on if they so desire."

QUOTES

Mlle. Louise de Ville-Morin: "A woman who plays canasta obviously hasn't a lover."

Minister of the Interior M. Maurice Dejean: "Communists and sexual perverts oppose the European Army Plan."

Somerset Maugham, replying to an invitation to attend a literary conference in Paris: Agreed, but I'll be my last appearance in public. I have written my last novel, my last story, my last poem. I am nearly 60 now and I want to stay living.



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THE WAR MEMOIRS OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

BRITISH troops [resisting a Communist coup in Greece during December, 1944] were still fighting hard in the centre of Athens, hemmed in and outnumbered. We were engaged in house-to-house combat with an enemy at least four-fifths of whom were in plain clothes. Unlike many of the Allied correspondents in Athens, our troops had no difficulty in understanding the issues involved.

Amid these tumults Field-Marshal Alexander and Mr [Harold] Macmillan (then Minister of State) arrived in Athens. We received the first reports of their mission on Dec. 11.

Our plight was worse than we had expected. Alexander telegraphed, "The British forces are in fact beleaguered in the heart of the city." The road to the airfield was not secure. We were not in control of Piræus harbour, so no ships could be unloaded there.

ONLY six days' rations and three days' reserve of ammunition were left for the troops fighting in the city. Alexander proposed to clear the port and the road to Athens at once, bring in immediate reinforcements from Italy, and build up supply dumps, and, "having linked up securely both ends of the dumb-bell, to undertake the necessary operations to clear the whole of Athens and Piræus."

He also pressed Leeper's [the British Ambassador] proposal to appoint the Archbishop Damaskinos as Regent, and asked for stern measures against the rebels and permission to bomb areas inside Athens.

On Dec. 12 the War Cabinet gave Alexander a free hand in all military measures. The 4th British Division, on passage from Italy to Egypt, was diverted, and their arrival during the latter half of the month turned the scale. I told Alexander that the Greek King would not agree to the plan for a Regency. The suggestion that the Archbishop should be called upon to form a Government satisfied no one. The political reaction at home to these events showed a clearer and calmer view.

AT this moment an astonishing leakage of official secrets occurred. The reader will remember my telegram to Gen. Scobie [the British Commander-in-Greece] dispatched at 4.50 a.m. on Dec. 5. This had been marked "Personal and Top Secret." From Prime Minister to Gen. Scobie, repeated to Gen. Wilson, and of course was in cypher. A few days later an American columnist was able to publish practically an exact copy of it. All our communications were menaced thereby.

I learned on inquiry that all messages sent through Gen. Wilson's Supreme Headquarters in Italy were communicated to several persons, including the American Ambassador in Rome, unless they bore a special restrictive marking. On reading the text of my message sent before dawn on Dec. 5 to Gen. Scobie the Ambassador repeated its substance to the State Department. He was fully within his rights in doing this. What happened after his phraseology reached the State Department has never been discovered, or at any rate made known, but on Dec. 11 the American journalist made

public what might well have been, at that time, an awkward bombshell.

It happened that the next day the Trades Union Congress was to meet in London. There was naturally much anxiety about our policy in Greece, and Left Wing forces were astir. It seemed probable that the publication of the drastic terms of my message to Gen. Scobie would produce a bad impression. However the matter was not mentioned at the Trades Union Congress, nor indeed did it attract any attention in Parliament.

Mr Bevin represented the War Cabinet at the Congress, and with characteristic loyalty and candour he defended and indicated our policy in Greece. He carried the whole conference with him, and by an overwhelming majority the trade unions gave their support to the Government and proved once again their stable and responsible qualities in great matters.

IHAD meanwhile received a most kindly worded telegram from the President to Prime Minister Roosevelt on Dec. 4, 1944.

I have been as deeply concerned as you have yourself in regard to the tragic difficulties you have encountered in Greece. I appreciate to the full the anxious and difficult alternatives with which you have been faced. I regard my role in this matter as that of a loyal friend, and ally whose one desire is to be of any help possible in the circumstances. You may be sure that in putting my thoughts before you I am constantly guided by the fact that nothing can in any way shake the unity and association between our two countries in the great tasks to which we have set our hands.

As anxious as I am to be of the greatest help to you in this trying situation, there are limitations, imposed in part by the traditional policies of the United States and in part by the mounting adverse reaction of public opinion in this country. No one will understand better than yourself that I, both personally and as Head of State, am necessarily responsive to the state of public feeling.

It is for these reasons that it has not been possible for this Government to take a stand along with you in the present course of events in Greece. Even an attempt to do so would bring only temporary value to you, and would in the long run do injury to our basic relationships. I don't need to tell you how much I dislike this state of affairs as between you and me. My one hope is to see it rectified so that we can go along in this as in everything, shoulder to shoulder....

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Field-Marshal Alexander reports from Athens: "BRITISH FORCES ARE BELEAGUERED"

CHAPTER 19 OF "TRIUMPH AND TRAGEDY"

I of course lack full details and am at a great distance from the scene, but it has seemed to me that a basic reason—or excuse perhaps—for the E.A.M. attitude has been distrust regarding the intentions of King George II. I wonder if Macmillan's efforts might not be greatly facilitated if the King himself would approve the establishment of a Regency in Greece and would make a public declaration of his intention not to return unless called for by popular plebiscite.

This might be particularly effective if accompanied by an assurance that elections will be held at some fixed date, no matter how far in the future, when the people would have full opportunity to express themselves.

Meanwhile might it not be possible to secure general agreement on the disarmament and dissolution of all the armed groups now in the country, including the Mountain Brigade and the Sacred Squadron, leaving your troops to preserve law and order alone until the Greek national forces can be reconstituted on a non-partisan basis and be adequately equipped?

THIS, however, did not give me any practical help. I replied:

I will read you over the week-end a considered answer to your telegram, for the kindly tone of which I thank you. I hope that the British reinforcements now coming steadily into Athens may make a more healthy situation in Athens. You will realize how very serious it would be if we withdrew, as we easily could, and the result was a frightful massacre, and an extreme Left Wing regime under Communist inspiration installed itself, as it would, in Athens.

My Cabinet colleagues here of all parties are not prepared to act in a manner so dishonourable to our record, and name. Ernest Bevin's speech to the Labour conference won universal respect. Stern fighting lies ahead, and even danger to our troops in the centre of Athens.

The fact that you are supposed to be against us, in accordance with the last sentence of Stalin's Press release [a daily pronouncement by the U.S. Secretary of State], has added, as I feared, to our difficulties and burdens. I think it probable that I shall broadcast to the world on Sunday night and make manifest the purity and disinterestedness of our motives throughout, and also of our resolves.

Meanwhile I send you a letter I have received from the King of Greece, to whom we have suggested the policy of making the Archbishop of Athens Regent. The King refuses to allow this. There-

fore an act of constitutional violence will be entailed if we finally decide upon this course. I know nothing of the Archbishop, except that our people on the spot think he might stop a gap or bridge a gully.

I RECEIVED from the Greek 3rd Mountain Brigade, which had been fighting loyally with us, a message of thanks for our efforts to protect their country and of grief because British blood was being shed. They asked me to become their Honorary Commander. But from Harry Hopkins came another warning.

Public opinion here is deteriorating rapidly because of the Greek situation and your statement in Parliament about the United States and Poland. With the battle joined as it is in Europe and Asia, with every energy required on everyone's part to defeat the enemy, I confess I find myself greatly disturbed at the diplomatic turn of events, which throw into the public gaze our several difficulties.

I do not know what the President or Stalin may have to say publicly, but it may well be that one or both of them must state in unequivocal terms our determination to do all that we can to seek a peace and secure world.

We were all agreed on this, but the question was whether it could be achieved by allowing the Communists to seize all power in Athens. That was the issue at stake.

Prime Minister to Mr Harry Hopkins.

I am distressed and puzzled by your message. I hope you will not hesitate to telegraph me on any points which you think we, or I personally, have been in error, and what you would advise, because I have great trust in your judgment and friendship, even if I may at times look at matters from a different angle. All the President's telegrams to me have been most kind and encouraging, and also his telegram to U.S. [Uncle Joe] may do a world of good.

Naturally I should welcome any public statements in America which set forth the aims stated in your last sentence. These are also ours. We seek nothing for ourselves from this struggle.

I ALSO sent my promised reply to the President. Prime Minister to President Roosevelt. 17 Dec 44. About Greece. The present position is that our representatives on the spot, Macmillan and Leeper, have strongly recommended the appointment of the Archbishop as Regent. This is obnoxious to the Papandreu Government, though they might be persuaded to advocate a Regency of three, namely, the

Archbishop, Gen. Plastiras, and Dragoumis. There is suspicion that the Archbishop is ambitious of obtaining chief political power, and that, supported by E.A.M., he will use it ruthlessly against existing Ministers. Whether this be true or not I cannot say. The facts are changing from hour to hour. I do not feel at all sure that in setting up a one-man Regency we might not be imposing a dictatorship on Greece.

There is also to be considered the fact that the King refuses, I think inflexibly, to appoint a Regent, certainly not a one-man Regency of the Archbishop, whom he distrusts and fears. According to the Greek constitution, the Crown Prince is Regent in the absence of the King. The King also states that all his Ministers under Papandreu advise him against such a step, and that as a constitutional monarch, he cannot be responsible for it.

The War Cabinet decided to await for three or four days the course of military operations. Our reinforcements are arriving rapidly, and the British General Staff Intelligence says that there are not more than 12,000 E.L.A.S. [Communist guerrillas] in Athens and the Piræus. The Greek King's estimate is 15,000-22,000. Anyhow, we shall be the middle of next week be far superior in numbers. I am not prepared, as at present informed, to give way to unconstitutional violence in such circumstances.

Our immediate task is to secure control of Athens and the Piræus. According to the latest reports E.L.A.S. may agree to depart. This will give us a firm basis from which to negotiate the best settlement possible between the warring Greek factions. It will certainly have to provide for the disarmament of the guerrilla forces.

The disarmament of the Greek Mountain Brigade, who took Rimini, and the Sacred Squadron, who have fought so well at the side of British and American troops, would seriously weaken our forces, and in any case we could not abandon them to massacre. They may, however, be removed elsewhere as part of a general settlement.

I am sure you would not wish us to cast down our painful and thankless task at this time. We embarked upon it with your full consent. We desire nothing from Greece but to do our duty by the common cause. In the midst of our task of bringing food and relief and maintaining the rudiments of order for a Government which has no armed forces we have become involved in a furious, though not as yet very bloody, struggle. I have felt it much

that you were unable to give a word of explanation for our action, but I understand your difficulties.

Meanwhile the Cabinet is united and the Socialist Ministers approve Mr Bevin's declarations at the Labour conference, which on this matter endorsed the official platform by a majority of 2,455,000 votes to 137,000. I could at any time obtain, I believe, a ten to one majority in the House of Commons. I am sure you will do whatever you can. I will keep you constantly informed.

IT is odd, looking back on these events, now that some years have passed, to see how completely the policy for which I and my colleagues fought, so stubbornly has been justified by events. Myself, I never had any doubts about it, for I saw quite plainly that Communism would be the peril civilization would have to face after the defeat of Nazism and Fascism.

It did not fall to us to end the task in Greece. I little thought, however, at the end of 1944 that the State Department, supported by overwhelming American opinion, would in little more than two years not only adopt and carry on the course we had opened, but would make achievement and costly exertions, even of a military character, to bring it to fruition.

In his evidence before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr Dean Acheson, the United States Acting Secretary of State, is reported to have testified on March 21, 1947, as follows:

"A Communist-dominated government in Greece would be considered dangerous to United States security." If Greece has escaped the fate of Czechoslovakia and survives today as one of the free nations, it is due not only to British action in 1944, but to the steadfast efforts of what was presently to become the united strength of the English-speaking world.

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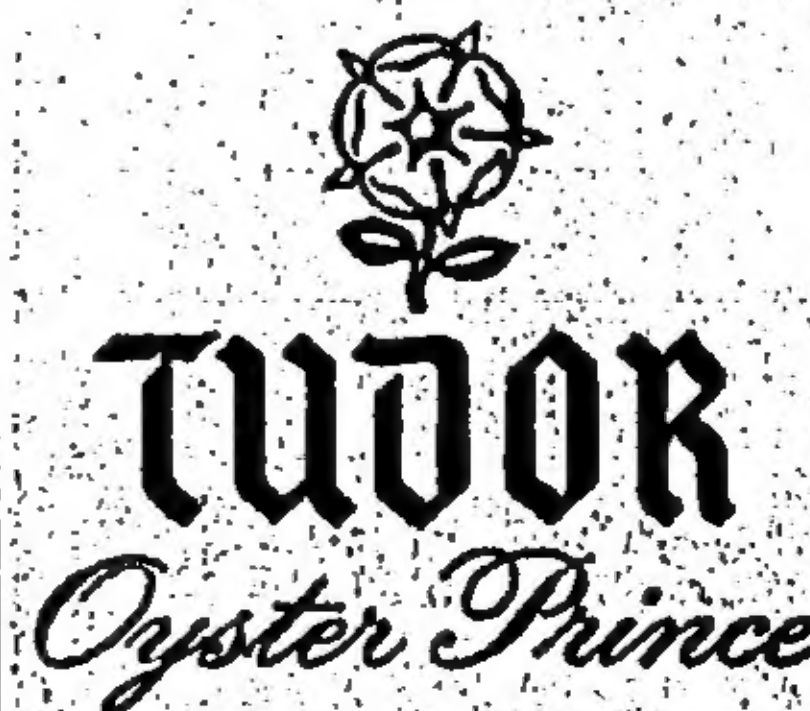
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CRISIS OVER BERMUDA CASTS SHADOWS MEETING

By Patrick Maitland, M.P.

LONDON. The Bermuda Conference clearly meets under the shadow of a near-crisis in British-United States relations. This, at least, is what observers have gathered from the attitude of certain members of the British Administration in recent weeks.

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These are serious suggestions to make to the United Kingdom, which is already overstretched as to manpower. For Britain would greatly like to contract out of some overseas commitments, the better to concentrate on industrial production and trade. This would make the Sterling Area viable once more.

Indeed, an element in Admiral Radford's idea is that Britain might conveniently pull America's chestnuts out of the fire for the price of a retaining fee that would compromise still further Britain's national effort to achieve economic independence.

To this there is a consistent reply from high quarters in Washington:

Two requirements On the one hand, it is urgent to establish the European Army, which in turn involves two requirements. The first is to restore peace to Indo-China, the second is to establish a clearer British commitment to EDC to keep forces in Europe indefinitely, and only to recall them with EDC's approval.

On the other hand, the British commitment to the Middle East could and should be reduced.

For in that area the United States, in accord with her peripheral strategy, would now be willing to take a larger hand. Persia and Egypt are at present the points at issue.

In Cairo Mr Jefferson Caffery, the United States Ambassador, has done nothing to sustain the "package proposal" which Britain and America a year ago thought would provide the basis for a proper treaty with Egypt. Its broad requirement, that the defence of the Canal should become an international responsibility, has gone by the board.

In face of General Naguib, the U.S. Government has wilted. In Persia something of the same sort is in the wind. American proposals are being canvassed to restore production to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's oilwells and refineries in a British-American consortium. But the crux of the proposal is that U.S. interests should take 75 percent of the pickings of a wholly British enterprise.

In the Far East the difference of viewpoint is critical again. All apparently agree, including the French Prime Minister, that France must make peace with the rebels in Indo-China. Indeed, M. Laniel has reported that Franco does not seek unconditional surrender. Yet it

seems clear that only a stunning military blow, made possible by outside military help (from the United States), could bring about peace.

It is natural that the American Government are reluctant to disperse into Southeast Asia forces which they feel should remain in Korea because of the uneasy truce there.

Atomic Attacks

THAT is where America is naturally tempted to seek a British assurance that, if the truce is broken, Britain will back the United States in atomic bomb attacks upon Manchuria. Such an assurance, it may be held, would directly or indirectly help to end the war in Indo-China, relieve the French need of reinsurance in Europe over the European Army, and so relieve American pressure on Britain to abandon the Canal Zone to engage in an even heavier commitment in Europe.

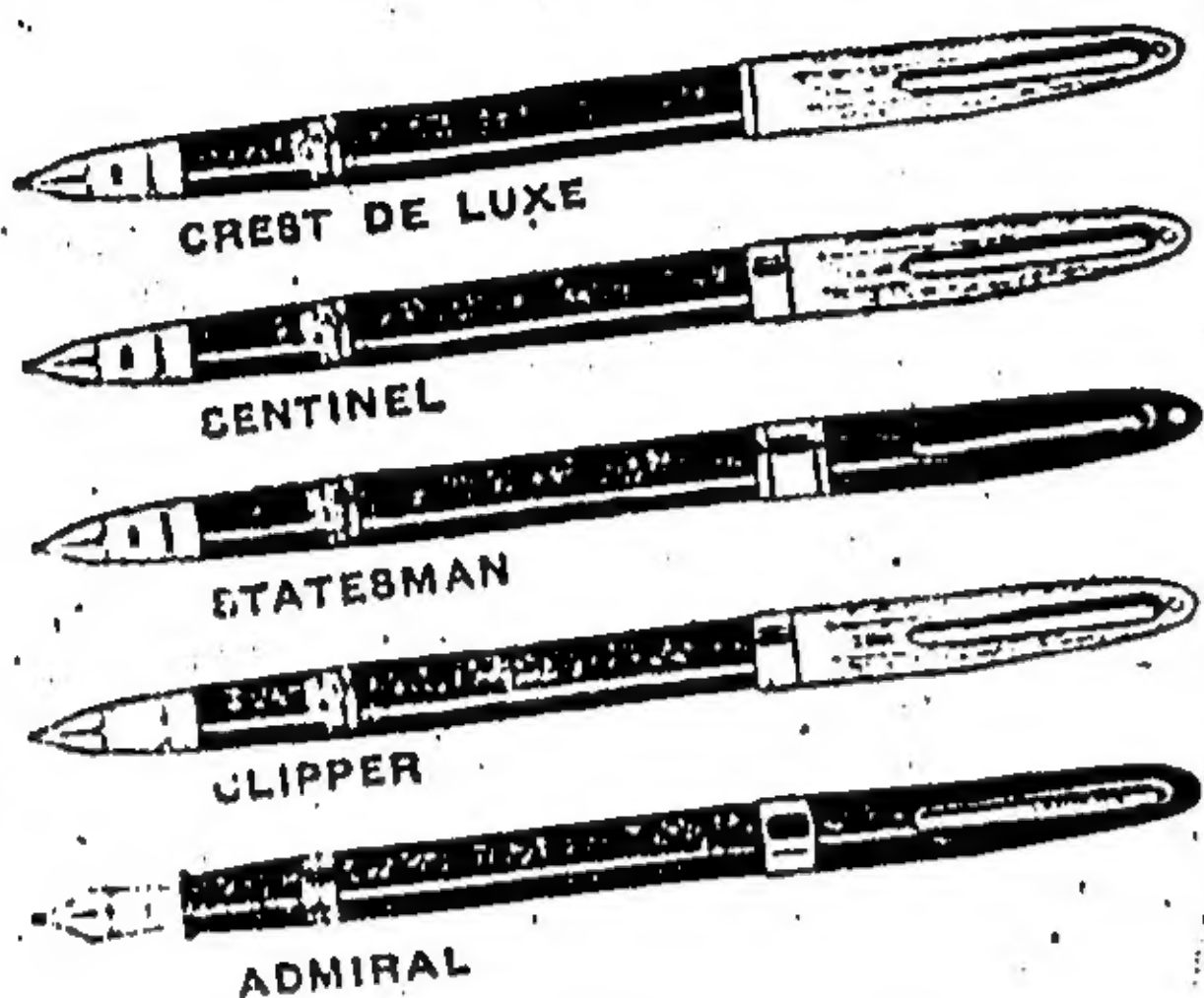
It is an open secret that the exchange of atomic information is to be reviewed, and even that President Eisenhower is sympathetic to the British view. But the President is not happy, of course, about prospects for a meeting with M. Malenkov—even if the possibility of that has receded.

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DO YOU EVER READ A BOOK?

by Milton Shulman

THERE is a gadget which has just come on the market. It is a small wooden bookrest with its own attached reading lamp. It is designed for the new outcast of the family—the reader. While the rest of the household is watching television, it enables him to huddle in a corner of the same room and read a book.

I presume he is also equipped with earplugs.

But this isolation is hardly likely to be the answer to an important and menacing social problem. What is TV doing to the reading habits of the nation?

As yet there has been no edgy desire on the part of publishers and booksellers to avoid the full implications of this question. Having survived the twin threats of radio and cinema they have acquired an almost touching faith in their own economic immortality. Authors, however, are not so smug. "After a few years the younger generation will not take the trouble to read," says J. B. Priestley. "In ten years everybody instead of being half-witted will have become quarter-witted."

Strangling

THIS dire prognosis receives startling support from a recent survey examining the effects of television in America, Britain, and France.

It showed that in the New York area 49 percent of those who read books admitted having discontinued reading entirely after buying a TV set. Sixteen percent read less than before. Research in Britain does not change this sad picture very much.

Can it be then that TV is doing what the cinema and the radio could not do—strangle literature?

The case for either side can be summed down to a few basic arguments.

AGAINST THE VIEW THAT TV IS HARMING BOOKS:

- 1 TV keeps people in the home where most reading is done.
- 2 During dull programmes viewers have to have something else to do. They will pick up a book while awaiting for the next parlour game or last week's repeat.

about ten years—and it will be disastrous.

Well, there are the arguments. Choose your side. I know mine. There is an awesome ring of logic about the consequences of TV on the young. And I therefore join the hands-up-in-horror brigade.

On my side I have, too, one of the greatest educational authorities in the country, Dr Eric James, High Master of Manchester Grammar School. "I discourage parents of my boys from buying TV sets," he

ning to capacity houses in the West End and her latest novel, *A Pocket Full of Rye*, shows that murder, not diamonds, can be a girl's best friend.

● **C. S. FORESTER.** —With Captain Hornblower at the tiller, Forester can always be sure of sailing comfortably through the best-seller lists. Although Hornblower and the *Atropos*—published two weeks ago—is his usually excellent standard, it has already sold over 50,000 copies.

● **CECIL WOODHAM-SMITH.** —Her impressive biography of Florence Nightingale showed what a hungry public there is for well-told and authentic history. She has done it again with *The Reason Why*, which might have been sub-titled "The Lid Off the Light Brigade."

● **GRAHAM GREENE.** —Probably the most tormented writer of the day, he has only his royalties to keep him warm. Although he made his literary reputation by neatly mixing sex and religion, he can now sell anything. *The Little Steamroller*, about a steamroller that foiled a Black Hand gang of emigrants, is among the top-selling children's books. It is likely to get him into any trouble with the Church.

● **A. J. CRONIN.** —Although *Beyond This Place* is one of the worst books written by a well-established writer, it is still selling very well. When you have produced books like *Hatter's Castle* and *The Citadel* you can count on the gratitude and loyalty of the book-buying public for a very long time.

A cartoon

YOU may have noticed, too, that it takes not only ability to survive in these days of TV but also a well-timed sense of humour. These five top authors average something like 55 years.

Will commercial TV make things any better for authors and publishers? Perhaps the best comment on that comes from a cartoon I remember seeing in the *New Yorker* magazine.

It showed a beaming announcer holding up a packet of cereal called, I think, *WOW*. The caption underneath it ran something like this: "This programme has been brought to you by the courtesy of the new breakfast food *WOW*... if you can still read."

SUPER KITTENS

A PINCH of penicillin in a kitten's diet boosts its growth in the same way that it speeds the growth of pigs and poultry, two women scientists claim.

After a fortnight kittens receiving penicillin were seven ounces heavier on average than those which did not get the drug. They also seemed to be healthier and livelier, say Cecilia Dickinson and Patricia Scott, who made the feeding tests at London's Royal Free Hospital.

WARNING: The penicillin must be of a special type called "procaine penicillin" and should be given only on a vet's advice.

—Chapman Pincher

Where Would You Live

IF YOU COULD DO AS YOU LIKED?

How blessed is he who leads a country life. Untroubled with anxious cares, and void of strife! Who, studying peace, and enjoying civil rage, Enjoys his youth, and now enjoys his age.

IT all sounds idyllic, but those verses were written by John Dryden in the middle of the seventeenth century.

It is still possible to enjoy one's youth in the country, but it is becoming increasingly difficult every year to enjoy one's age there.

No anxious cares? The tax-gatherer and the rate-collector will provide them. No peace? Not with aeroplanes screaming and roaring overhead at any hour of the day or night, not with motorcars hooting round the corner of the remotest lane, not with superfluous dogs in every hamlet, baying the moon.

Many years ago Beverley Nichols and I had a radio discussion about the relative advantages of town and country life. Beverley Nichols championed the town; I espoused the cause of the country.

It was the first unscripted discussion the BBC had attempted, and listeners were under the impression that civil war had broken out at Savoy Hill.

When the confusion subsided, Beverley Nichols was so much impressed by the weakness of his case for the town that very soon afterwards he retired into the country himself and wrote "Down The Garden Path."

My Decision

HE is still young enough to enjoy the country, and I wish him many more happy years with his lilies and that pestilent weed *Winter Heliotrope* (*Polemonis Fragrans*), which he was responsible for introducing to many gardens until then happily unaware of its existence. Nevertheless, I wager that when Beverley Nichols reaches my age he will be a city dweller like myself.

When I reached the decision to leave the Hebrides because I was feeling more remote from contemporary life than a writer past 60 ought to feel, I still thought that a house in the country, with its easy reach of town, was essential to my happiness, and it was only as I drew near to 70 that I became aware how much the pleasures of a country life depend upon youth, how much the pleasures of urban life depend upon age.

At 70 a man must make up his mind whether, in the years left to him, he is going to strive to indulge his body or his mind.

The exceptional old man can ride to hounds at 80, shoot straight, and hold his own with Colonel Bogey on the links. Most of my elderly friends, however, are continually being reminded that they cannot perform the physical feats of once upon a time.

Golf or Wisdom

I AM fortunate in that, having taken no violent exercise for nearly 50 years and hardly any exercise at all for the last 20, I am not for ever regretting my inability to do what I used to be able to do. And that applies to every kind of sport, from liddy-winkles to football.

Nevertheless, although I am occasionally depressed by the sight of elderly friends exhausted by a strenuous round of golf and exasperated by the behaviour of their partners at contract bridge, I accept my dislike of playing games as evidence of my own eccentricity. I claim, therefore, no merit in avoiding what, for the middle-aged and the old, seems to me a needless waste of time. In any case, if old men are determined, in the words of Bernard Shaw, to get golf instead of wisdom, city life will possibly aggravate their desire.

When a man is tired of London he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford, Dr Johnson observed to Boswell.

● At the age of 70, one of Britain's most eminent authors has given up his home in the country to live in a city.

● Is the townsman wrong-headed, then, when he dreams of a cottage in the country for his retirement? Are the changing conditions of modern life spoiling the countryside?

● Here the Man Who Changed his Mind gives a controversial answer.

By **SIR COMPTON MACKENZIE**

That is less true today, because contract bridge has administered the final blow to conversation and without conversation Dr Johnson would have languished.

The nearest personality to Dr Johnson we have today is Gilbert Harding, who could indeed say with his predecessor, "Sir, if they should cease to talk of me I must starve."

With Gilbert Harding I would, as soon spend two hours of robust and cordial talk as with any talker I know. But Gilbert Harding is an exception in London today. For conversation comparable with that of former days one must go to Edinburgh, Dublin or Paris.

Yet, it is lack of conversation, I fancy, which is my own real reason for deserting the country, and which made the choice of a city in which to spend the end of my earthly time of imperative importance.

Shop-gazing

FOR me, conversation must come on top. The devotion of country-dwellers to their "local" is evidence of that.

Now, an occasional visit to a rustic inn (if one can avoid being bored by darts, a pastime which has been as destructive of good conversation in inns as contract bridge has been of good conversation in clubs) may be a delight, but it is not an entertainment that can be indefinitely protracted.

Then there is the question of doctors. The least morbid of men may feel a certain reassurance in the fact of being within easy reach of any doctor he wants. Today, the country practitioner is grossly overworked, and anybody must feel compunction at calling him out unnecessarily—and in the case of a serious illness the strain on medical attention and resources is considerable in the country.

Personally, I am not addicted to shop-gazing, but my observation shows that for many elderly people shop-gazing is evidently a most agreeable pastime, and for this there is no need to point out the advantage of living in the city. The country walk can no longer be a pleasure for the old. They are debilitated by the long walks of youth-across-country, and the macadamised country roads of today are unpleasant. Even the birds and the butterflies have deserted them. Moreover, the leisurely stroll has become impossible since the motor car.

My Passion

THE gardener, of course, is entitled to scoff at the notion of living in a city, and I shall admit at once that the good gardener who does not know what rheumatism is, would be foolish to exchange the joys of a garden for all the pleasures of urban life put together. A garden is the only thing that can make an old person look forward eagerly to the passing of another year.

Gardening has been my passion since earliest boyhood, and if my eyes had not made it impossible to distinguish a daffodil from a dandelion without going down on my knees I should never have decided to make my home in a city. No theatres or concert halls could compete with flowers.

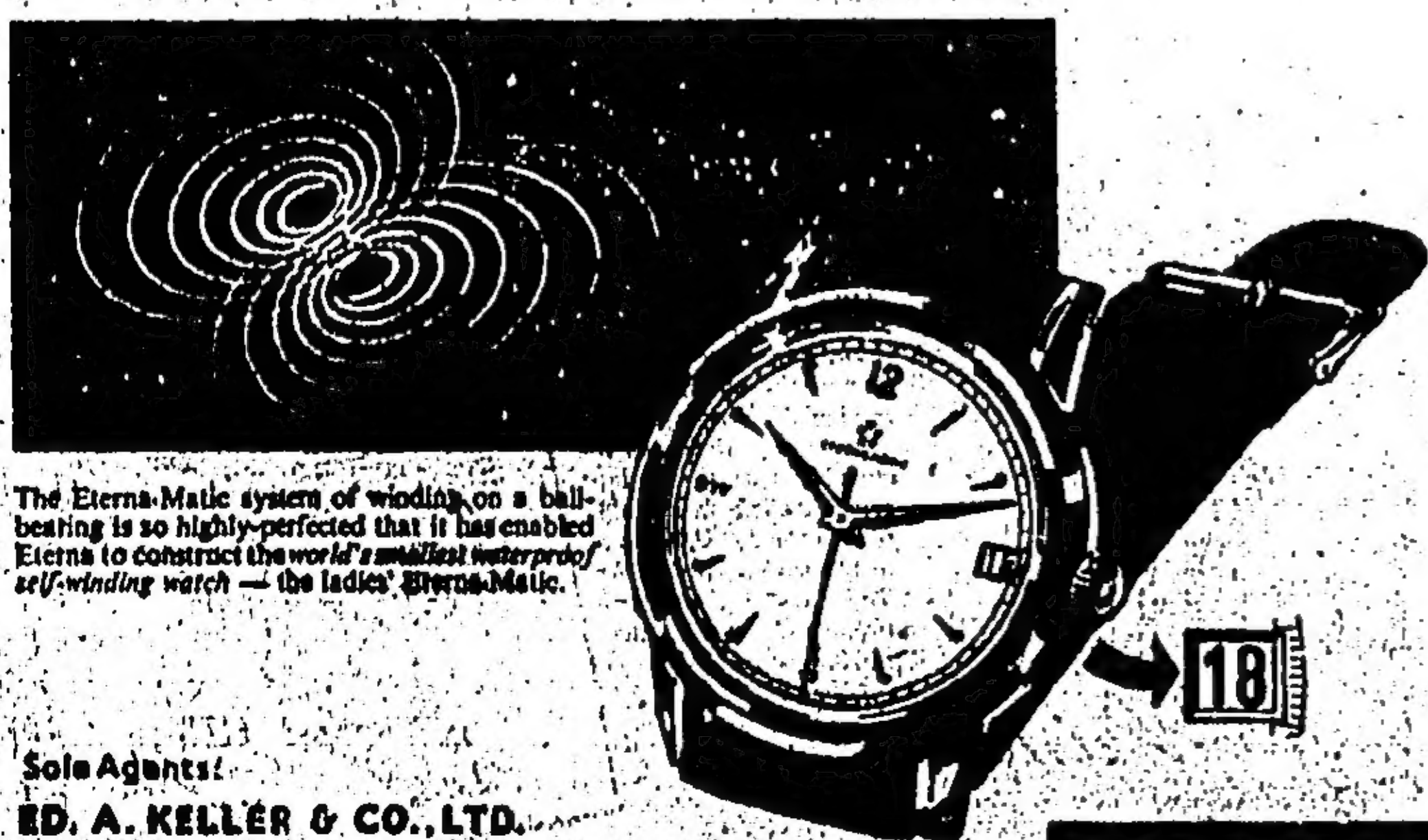
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FOR THE VIEW THAT TV IS HARMING BOOKS:

- 1 Book reading needs time. And TV is the most insidious time-killer yet devised by man. The analogy of the cinema and the radio is quite false. The cinema only took up two or three evenings a week—in the worst cases. TV takes up every evening. The radio is an aural medium not a visual one. While reading a book, you can have the radio on but you cannot look at TV.
- 2 The proper reading of books cannot be done in snatches, between programmes. Those intervals are more likely to be filled with knitting, domestic chores, newspapers, and football pools.
- 3 TV could help books by mentioning them, but has as yet shown a reluctant inclination to do so. This is because talking about books has little place in a visual medium. It can at best have only a limited audience appeal, and the trend is towards programmes for the largest numbers. This is likely to get worse with commercial TV.
- 4 Reading, like most forms of recreation, is a habit which is best developed when young. TV discourages reading amongst the young. Therefore the full effects of TV on books will not be felt until a generation reared on TV is old enough to buy books. That should be in

an important American publisher told me that TV has forced his firm to rely on fewer titles with larger sales. "Best-sellers or nothing" is a trend with ominous repercussions for young writers.

One of the largest book-sellers in London admitted that, apart from established authors he was not selling many books. "TV is threatening the up-and-coming writer," said Mr A. S. Freer, chairman of H. K. Lewis. "It is becoming increasingly difficult to put a new author over."

But even the list of authors likely to guarantee publishers' profits will shrink as TV continues its omnipotent grinding-down process.

They are safe

FOR the moment, however, there are certain names that can rest secure in the sure knowledge that they have the public thoroughly mesmerised on their side. A glance down the books expected to top Christmas sales for 1953 will show you who they are.

● **AGATHA CHRISTIE.** —Although there has been a considerable slump in the sale of crime fiction, the Queen of Crime sits securely on her throne. She has two plays run-

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WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

The tambourine is in fashion from morning until night. RIGHT: For day, it goes with a thick tweed coat and is matched up with short white gloves. LEFT: For evening, it tops a V-fronted black dress and is matched up with long white gloves.



Smart Colours For "Tambourine", The Best Seller

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

LONDON. THE fashion for the cloche hat failed to catch on, and now the tambourine—the new version of our old friend the beret—looks like becoming the year's best seller. Already it's being sold by the thousand in department stores up and down the country.

By sitting straight on the head, it follows the new line now favoured by milliners in London and Paris. And it can be bought in all the new colours including sugar pink, fern, dark grey.

To illustrate the new style, I chose one in white because, matched up with white gloves, it went equally well with a tweed day coat or a smart V-fronted cocktail dress. It is shown here over stock, back-swept hair, but it will probably suit any hair style.

The new, at half-a-guinea, cost the same as the old style of beret. So perhaps there is some chance that it may replace it.

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How dull and dreary the old style was. Always in ditch-water colours, like beige, fawn or muddy green; always ill-defined and hazy, like a bath cap. And despite attempts in the last few years to smarten it up with hat pins and fancy bands, it continued to look as dull as ever.

But, dull as it was, it was well on the way to becoming the national headgear. The debutante of the year wore it to the races, the charwoman on

her day out, the country housewife for market day. Why is a smart hat anathema to so many women? They might even recall the remark made once by Aage Thaarup, one of the Queen's milliners, that "a woman without a hat is like a stalk without a flower."

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Linon is stealing the limelight now occupied by cotton in the fashion world and, at the recent linen show, there were styles for occasions at which cotton has become the accepted material. These were linen outfits for garden parties, for town, and for the beach.

For garden parties, there was a typical debutante's dress in white linen patterned with satin polka dots. Its immensely full skirt was worn over stiffened petticoats, and its neckline followed the new square-cut tunic style. The dress itself was charming, but did it have to be teamed with white accessories? White gloves, white shoes, white hat and long white umbrellas were too much. One or two black accessories would have provided a much-needed contrast.

Umbrella-sized hats to go with garden party dresses were made of lacy upon layer of cobweb-fine chiffon, or plain straw with an organdie edging, one inch wide.

For the beach, there were new knee-length shorts in lavender. For town, a sheath

When a film makes news in town, that's a chance fashion designers don't miss. The Hollywood-made "Julius Caesar" delighted film critics and film goers—and inspired several London designers. And the designers have suddenly decided that the Romans "had something" when it came to fashion.

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To quote two of their suggestions: Firstly, the "Calpurnia" evening gown, made of draped silk chiffon and topped with a toga-like cloak. Secondly, the Roman hair style, with hair clipped short, combed forward without a parting and cut with a fringe to frame the forehead.

So there you are, if you want to do as the Romans did. It may be fashionable—but do you want to look like an ancient Roman?

Smog and exhaust fumes may be more to blame than cigarettes for the alarming increase in lung cancer in the last 20 years, says a report to the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Paul Kotin, of the University of Southern California, said "We are creat-

Mink Bow Ties, Rings And Bracelets

NEW YORK. FUR is being put to every available use by American manufacturers to lure customers into the greatest Christmas spending orgy on record.

A bizarre touch in men's wear is the new bow tie made of fur.

One Manhattan shop is selling wild, ranch or silver-blue mink ties. For sporty occasions, there is the brown Alaskan seal or leopard-skin tie.

Mink bracelets with mink rings to match are in vogue shops. There are also mink kerchiefs made of natural mink in a triangular shape, which is suitable for wearing with cashmere sweaters or with suits.

Tinkling Earrings

A NEW twist in the ear-ring fad is supplied by one Fifth Avenue shop that sells the item in the form of miniature silver bells that tinkle when the wearer moves.

They are called "mother-in-law" earrings, and commemorate an old Indian legend of a Navaho, who had mother-in-law trouble.

He fashioned a pair of silver bell earrings for her so that he could know when she approached to spy on him. Another shop is selling "prisoner of love" pyjamas. They have prison suit stripes, including the registration number.

There are matching pairs for husbands and wives.

WHAT is a gentleman? This taster, which puzzled a Parliamentary committee considering the disciplinary code in the Army and Air Force Acts, is answered by each generation in its own way. A London writer put it to a number of notable people.

Mr. James Laver, the author, quoted Cardinal Newman's two observations: That a gentleman is one who never mentions the word or who is never unintentionally rude.

Lady Bowater, the new Lady Mayores gave a succinct answer from the Mansion House: "One who is a gentle man."

Norman Hartnell, the Queen's dressmaker, added a slight variation on the same theme: "Manly—but gentle; that covers a gentleman in any class."

Film producer Jill Craigie, wife of Socialist MP Michael Foot, suggested: "Anyone who offers me a lift in a tub."

Britain's invention

Between shots of a film love scene being shot at Elstree, Yvonne De Carlo, American actress, said: "I judge a gentleman on his manners. I know two cowboys who are more gentlemanly than some peers of my acquaintance."

Mrs. Gerald Legge's opinion was more comprehensive: "An English gentleman is an ideal of manners and character which has been evolved by the British people—I think it significant that the word is not translated in German."

Black and white polka dot underpants are sold in matched sets with sleeping suits with stripes instead of long trousers. Underwear is also patterned with lipstick, mouth imprints, bathing beauties and exotic tropical flowers.

Plain socks are almost unobtainable in Australian shops. One of the top sock colours is yellow and clocks and patterns are usually a combination of four or five bright colours.

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GET YOUR BEAUTY MONEY'S WORTH!

By Ida Jean Kain

"WOMEN rush too much today to be beautiful." That candid statement about us came from Albert Sofia, a top New York hair stylist. "It is shocking to see women spending their money, presumably for beauty in the form of a becoming hair style, then sitting under the drying machines literally in a stew. Just notice the frown lines and the harassed expression on their faces! That was his explosive reply to my question as to what helps a woman to be more beautiful."

"Women do not seem to realize that the nervous system reacts adversely to rushing, or that the hair in turn reacts to the nervous system, and that outer beauty depends on the inner woman."

This authority knows whereof he speaks for, as top hair stylist, he has a chance to observe so many infinite varieties of women, all trying to look their best. So here is his advice on how to get your beauty money's worth.

Regard every visit to the beauty salon as an investment. Relax and get the most out of it. Make it a very special treat, not a chore. It would be better to have a weekly appointment than a daily one.

a few days and then set aside time to enjoy your session. Mr. Sofia has some highly interesting ideas on this subject of what makes a woman more beautiful. "Some women seem to take on an aura of beauty. In fact, some barely pretty women seem to appropriate beauty unto themselves," he continued. "A new hairdo helps of course, but beauty is so much more than that. It is largely that which comes from within."

The gist of it is this: If the hairdo gives you a lift, then it can make you lovelier. It's a mistake, he believes, to wear your hair the same old way, year after year. And the world will not come to an end if your part is possibly a half inch off from standard. That very deviation might be interesting. Change is a wonderful tonic! Women who dare to do something about themselves grow more beautiful. Is the way this authority summed it up. Most important of all, make your regular visit to the beauty salon a few hours of vacation. Enjoy it, be happy and healthful. Do this and you come away feeling beautiful and, by feeling beautiful, you take on the aura of beauty.



A three-quarter length coat in Not-settle wool designed by JACQUES FATH, the famous Paris designer. It has a muff and hat in astrakhan. —Central Press Photo.

Best Marriage Age 24 For A Girl?

WHAT is the best age for women, the investigators have decided that maturity is essential to a happy and lasting marriage. The ideal age for the woman is 24 for the man.

An overwhelming mass of statistical evidence showed that very early marriages turned out to be less successful than those of later years. The study of 1,000 couples gave 24 as the ideal age for the woman and 29 for the man.

At the same time, they say, that maturity may not be a matter of actual age. A girl of 17 may be much older in terms of emotional maturity and those of 21 may be much younger. The study also showed that the best time for a woman to get married is between 24 and 29.

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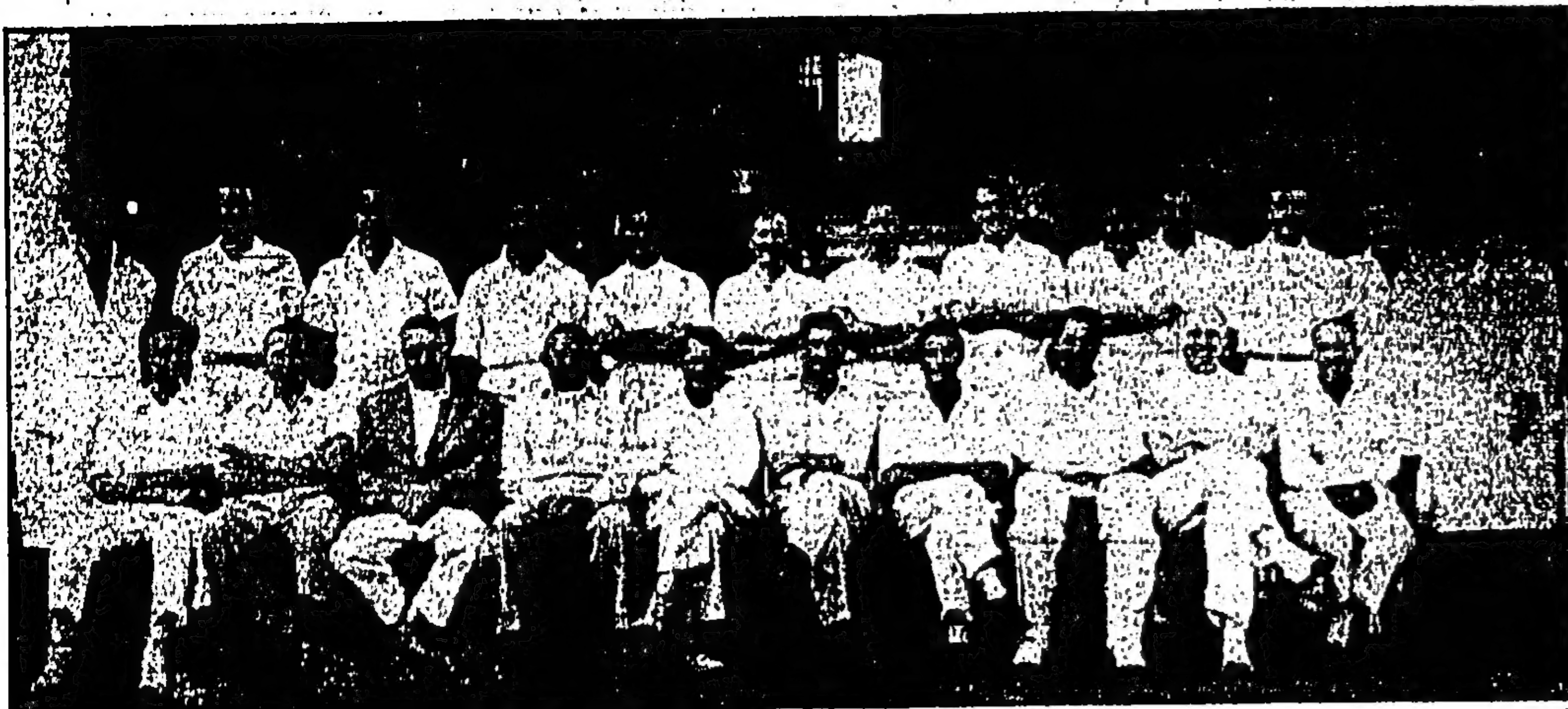


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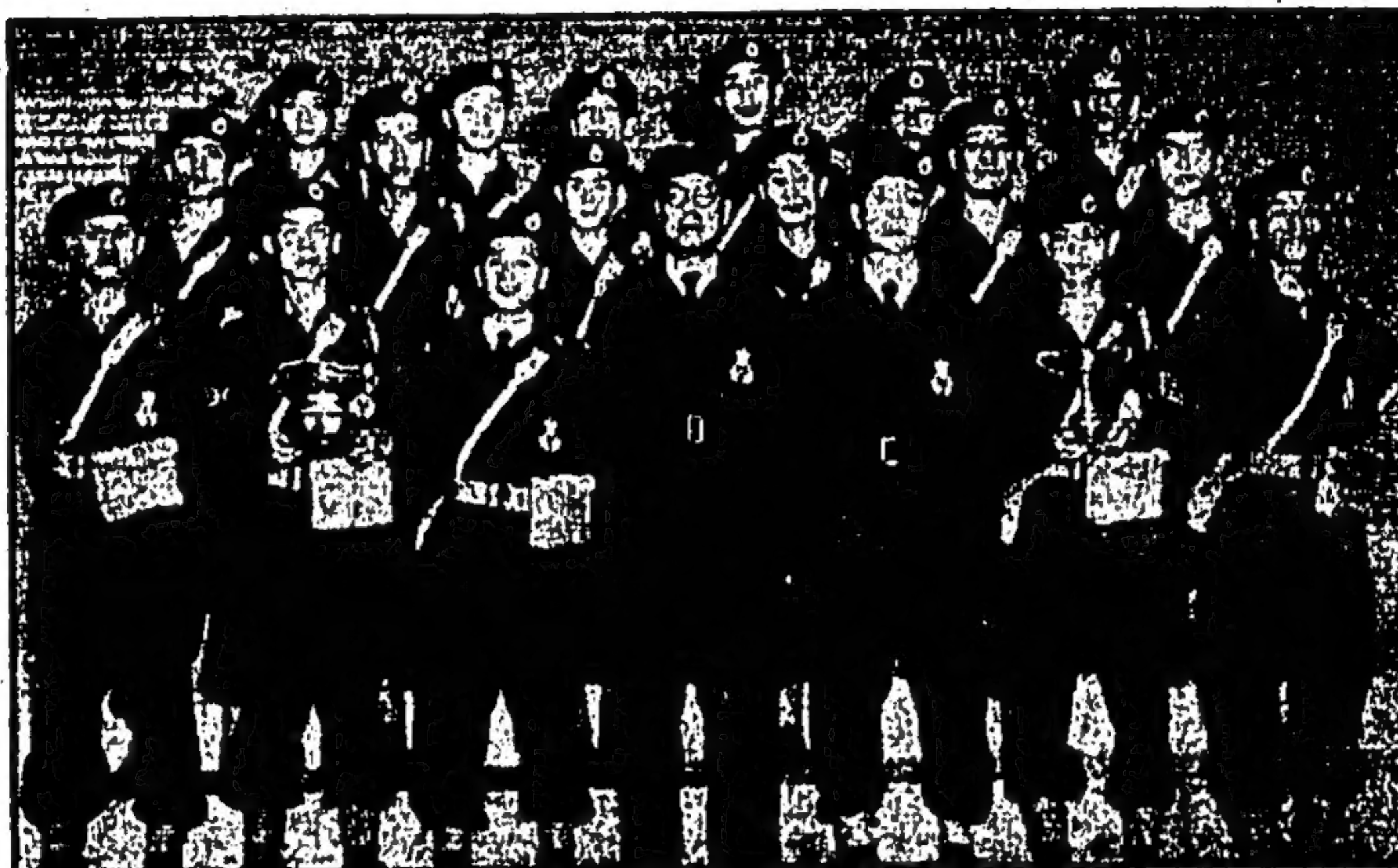
A friendly inter-hong cricket match was played at Chater Road last Sunday between Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. and Dodwell and Co., Ltd. The former won. Players are shown above. (Staff Photographer)



BACKSTAGE snapshots during the production of "The Price of Beauty," a Chinese opera sung in English by the Wah Yan Dramatic Society. Left-hand picture shows Miss Lily Tan, who played the principal part of Yang Kwei-foi, discussing a point with the producer, the Rev. Fr. T. Sheridan. Right: Miss Tan watching Miss Bertha Lam, who played The Plum Queen, having her elaborate coiffure dressed. (Staff Photographer)



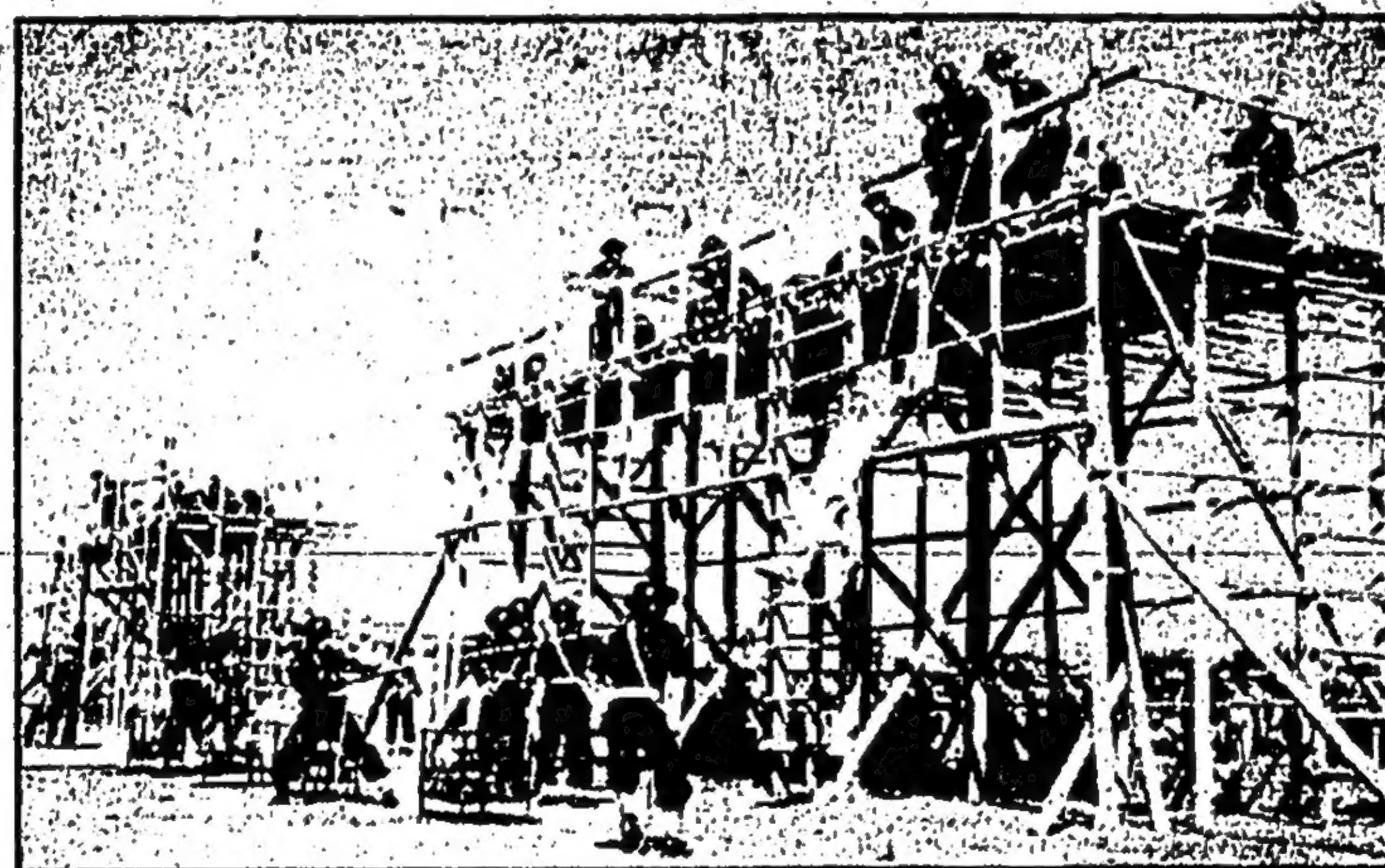
Dr Ip Chong-hing and Miss Betty Siu arriving at their wedding reception last Saturday at the Peninsula Hotel. (Staff Photographer)



CENTRAL Zone wardens of the Civil Aid Services, who won the Commissioner's Challenge Cup at their first field day last Sunday. Below: Rescue exercises in progress. (Staff Photographer)



LADY GRANTHAM inspecting a kindergarten class at the Tak Sun School on Monday. The school is run by the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Canada. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: The Governor's Deputy, the Hon. R. B. Black, studying exhibits at the Eighth Hong-kong International Salon of Pictorial Photography, which he opened at St John's Cathedral Hall. (Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of "A" Coy, Hongkong Regiment, at their unit dinner held at the Cafe de Chine. In upper picture, left to right, are Lt-Col Stewart Carter, the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Major G. C. Hamilton, OC of the Company, and Mr F. Brett. (Staff Photographer)

BELOW: Members of St Andrew's Society gathered at Stanley Cemetery for the memorial service held there last Sunday. (Staff Photographer)



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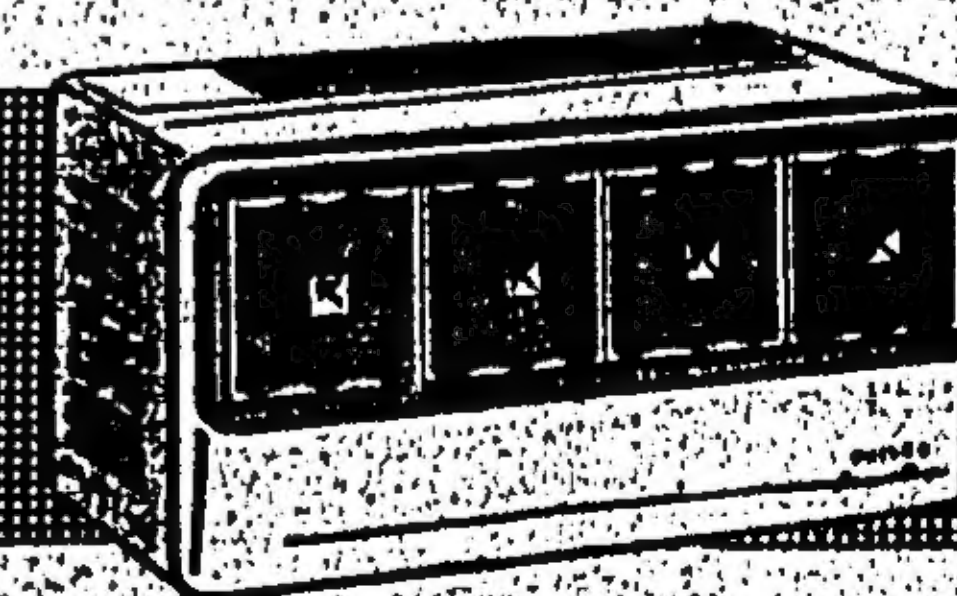
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AT the annual dinner dance of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association. The President, Dr. Lee Hah-ling (standing) is seen with the Acting Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr. the Hon. J. M. Liston, and other guests. (Staff Photographer)



SCHOOLGIRLS fish for gift parcels at last Sunday's Al Fresco Fete sponsored by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and held in the grounds of St Mary's School. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Pictures taken at the cocktail party given by the Special Constabulary to mark the end of their annual camp at Stanley. (Staff Photographer)



JOSE ITURBI, the celebrated pianist, photographed with Mr. Harry Odell, his local impresario, just before his first concert at the Empire Theatre. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Picture taken after the christening of Peter Morris, son of Dr and Mrs G. C. Franklin, at St. Andrew's Church last Sunday. (Mainland)

MR Robert B. Anderson, United States Secretary of the Navy (centre), with the Governor's Deputy, the Hon. R. B. Black (left), and the U.S. Consul-General, Mr. Julian F. Harrington, at the cocktail party given in his honour at the American Club on Wednesday. (Willie's)

RIGHT: Dr. J. H. McElroy, newly-elected President of St Patrick's Society, pictured at the cocktail party which followed the annual meeting on Monday. (Willie's)



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GENERAL Paul Waker (centre), Chief of the Swiss delegation to the Neutral Nations Supervising Commission in Korea, pictured at Kai Tak on Monday on his way to Korea. He was met by Mr. J. Karmann, Swiss Consul (left), and Mr. A. Scholz. (Willie's)



CANON H. Wittenbach, Secretary for East Asia of the Church Missionary Society, presenting prizes to children at the School for the Deaf last Saturday. Also in picture is Miss Li Lak-wa, Principal of the school. (Staff Photographer)

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By SHIRLEY LOWE

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Here are three original covers you can make to match your favourite hat and gloves, or to give as a present at Christmas.

It is wise to cut a rough pattern from newspaper before snipping into the material.

These three umbrellas have the same body measure-

ment. Cut the body part on the straight of material. Hem all round to prevent fraying, with a half-inch hem at the bottom.

Stitch the two sides together, leaving room at the top for a placket. Press and turn inside out. Make a placket 4 1/2 ins. deep, and press again.

The REGENCY cover looks best using contrasting colours. It is made from two pieces of material, with the base 8 ins. across, top 6 3/4 ins. across, and height 4 1/2 ins.

Tack and sew the two sides and along the top on the wrong side of the material.

Turn inside out. Tack and sew again, fairly close to the edge. Press.

Fit the umbrella cover body into the centre of the top, turning under a half-inch hem.

Tack along and sew. Press. Cover six small buttons with the same material as the body, and sew three on to each edge of inner flap. Fasten with stud.

Petals on this

TO make the PETAL TOP cover, cut 10 petal shapes, with 3 ins. base, 2 3/4 ins. in height.

Take two petals and machine along the curved sides fairly close to edge.



Here's a three-petals-in-one illustration of an umbrella in three cases - you can make one or a 11 yourself, provided you have at least one umbrella!

Turn inside out and tack, then machine again close to edge. Make eight petals. Press.

Place five petals, overlapping along the top of body. Tack and sew. Half an inch below these put the other three - side by side.

Bind the top and press, fasten with hook and eye. Curl up the petals like a daffodil.

For the ARUM Lily cover, cut two petals with base 4 1/2 ins. middle 6 ins. and height 8 1/2 ins.

Tack and sew, on wrong side of material, round the curved edges, about 1/4 in. in.

(London Express Service)

TO TEMPT BREAKFAST SKIPPERS

By ALICE DENHOFF

NOW is the time to reform breakfast skippers.

Enticing laggards to table is the work of the homemaker, and she's usually glad to put a little more time and effort into the job. A right-from-the-oven Breakfast Coffee Cake might do the trick with its welcome aroma and fine flavour. It's made with biscuit mix, so it goes together quickly.

Coffee Cake

Top the batter with moist, cooked prunes, then sprinkle with a crumbly brown sugar mixture before slipping it into the oven.

Pit and cut into halves, 8 large cooked prunes. Combine 2 1/2 c. biscuit mix, 1/2 c. granulated sugar and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Beat 1 egg lightly and add 1/2 c. milk and 2 tbsp. melted butter. Stir into dry mixture, blending well. Turn into greased 8-in. square pan.

Arrange prunes over batter, and sprinkle with topping made from 1 c. (packed) brown sugar, 1/4 c. biscuit mix and 2

tender. Chill. Top with whip-

ped cream.

Now let's move from breakfast to the school lunch box and a recipe for some delightful "Back-to-School Cookies," made with nourishing and extra good raisins and molasses.

Lunch Box Cookies

To prepare about 48 medium-sized goodies, rinse 1 c. seedless raisins, drain and chop. Cream together thoroughly 1/2 c. shortening and 1 packed c. brown sugar. Add 1/2 c. light molasses, 3 tsp. water and 2 well beaten eggs, mixing thoroughly. Sift together 3 1/2 c. sifted all-purpose flour, tsp. each salt and soda.

Add 1/2 c. chopped walnuts and the raisins, mixing well. Drop by spoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° F. 15 to 18 minutes.

A COLOUR SCHEME FOR YOUR HOME

By ELEANOR ROSS

WHY is it that so many of us are able to tackle the problems of colour schemes in our own wardrobes, in accessories, and in furnishings, with confidence and ease, but seem to fold up when it comes to selecting colour on walls.

This must be the case when we consider that most houses have rooms painted in that sorry, nondescript ivory or buff, often referred to as "landlord tan."

The manager of a large apartment house project told us that this shade had been made mandatory in their property because when

come colour selection had been allowed, too many women wanted the job done over after what appeared on the walls was quite different from what they had seen in their mind's eye. For the same reason, another housing project insists on an indifferent medium green. Of course both colours are quite good in themselves, but there's no reason why we should be timid about working out a nice colour scheme as the setting for furniture and accessories.

Figured Draperies

Often the colour of figured draperies, the upholstery or the rug, will determine the best wall colour. And exposure is a factor, too. The lighter the colour of the walls, and the smoother their surface, the more light they will reflect. Thus white walls will reflect the most light, with yellow next, the latter imparting more warmth, and so a good choice in a room with a dark or northern exposure.

The dimensions of the room can also help to determine the suitable wall colour. Light greyed tints, off-green or blue seem to add size to a room. Red, cocoa, deep rose or cocoa brown tend to make a room seem smaller. Soft tints of cool colours make walls appear to recede.

Must Harmonize

Two walls done in a neutral shade another wall papered and a large mirror on the opposite wall to reflect the pattern of the wallpaper, can do wonders in a difficult room.

Whatever the choice, do not plan to use more than three major colours—a light colour, a bright colour and a dark colour.

Really, there are no bad colours. The trick is to use them together harmoniously. One of the simplest methods of choosing a wall colour is to select a shade that contrasts with the floor covering and tie this and the wall colour together in a multi-coloured striped drapery and upholstery fabric.

Thus, a warm pinkish-beige rug, dark green walls, then a dusty rose and green print for the draperies and at least one upholstered piece, would be harmonious and most attractive.

Illusion of Space

A nice way to create an illusion of space is to do one wall and the ceiling in a different colour. Three walls in bone white, and one wall in ceiling in blue or green will lend interest and add a feeling of spaciousness to a room.

Rooms that open into one another need not be uniform, but certainly should share a colour relationship. The ceiling colour in one room might correspond with the wall colour in an adjoining room, or the colour of the rug or a large upholstered piece could key into the wall colour in the next room.

TIME TO GET RID OF THOSE FALSE MEDICAL NOTIONS

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

WILL you walk under a ladder, sit 13 at the table, or take the third light from a match? Many people won't. Do you postpone a new project rather than begin it on Friday, or shudder when a black cat crosses your path? Lots of people do. Can you pass a pin on the floor without picking it up, or step on the cracks in a sidewalk without concern? There are some who cannot.

Perhaps none of these is your particular superstition. But possibly you have entertained some of the false medical ideas commonly believed, and not only by the ignorant and the foolish. Probably you would laugh at the idea that the lungs of an ox, if eaten, would be good for tuberculosis; an idea based on the fact that the ox is supposed to be a long-lived creature. Or that the "fat of the bear," a hairy animal, should form a part of the diet of the bald-headed. People used to believe

those things and act upon them. They have put these beliefs aside for the most part, but many still believe in rattlesnake oil for "rheumatism." Before we become too superior about such superstitions, it is always wise to marshal our own beliefs for scrutiny.

Prenatal Shocks

Among popular misconceptions is that concerning the supposed "markings" of the unborn through maternal impressions. We hear of the woman who craved strawberries, and behold, her child was born with a strawberry on the cheek. Or the expectant mother frightened by a spider, and her child had a mark so like the spider—why, the doctor actually called it a spider nevus. A physician once solemnly assured a mother who had been startled by unexpected news, that her baby would surely be born without anything on the fact is that there is no

connection between the nervous system of the mother and that of the child. A maternal impression, so-called, is impossible.

False Beliefs

One of the old beliefs which has made thousands miserable is that about "auto-intoxication" (self-poisoning). This was a supposed state of ill-effects due to constipation, and the absorption of poisonous products from the large intestine. Some very interesting experiments have disproved this idea; simply cutting the lower bowel with cotton produces all the ill effects of so-called auto-intoxication, and the removal of the cotton gives much more prompt relief than would be possible if the so-called waste products had to be digested by the tissue cells and the blood. But the "auto-intoxication" led to a fatal concentration on the bowel function, with the result that people in America annually buy millions of dollars worth of all kinds of "cathartics" and "laxatives" to relieve trouble.

them harmful or at least needless.

Another false belief is that there are certain food combinations which are unwholesome. This takes various forms. Here's one version: you must not mix sour fruits with milk at the same meal. Out the window the strawberries and cream! The fallacy of this is exposed by the knowledge that the stomach is always sour, far in excess of the sourness of any food.

Deep-breathing exercises, before an open window, have long had a wonderful reputation for promoting health. Actually if overdone, they can produce dizziness, faintness and even collapse. The breathing function, like other vital processes, is automatic. Any deep-breathing that is necessary will be produced by intensifying effort at work or play.

It doesn't pay to harbour false notions about health. The true facts are easily available from many dependable sources. Rely on the facts, not on the

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FROM THE SOLE AGENTS: The Dairy Farm



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WORRIED ABOUT THE ENGLISHMAN NOT GAMBLING

By Les Armour

LONDON. Lord Piercy is worried about the Englishman. He thinks the English have lost their taste for serious gambling.

Not that they don't lose enough shillings into the football pools or wager enough on the nags (if anything, they are a little too familiar with the local bookie) but that they are too slow on the kind of thing that keeps the nation going.

There is far too little capital around for risky investment and Lord Piercy, chairman of the Industrial and Commercial

Finance Corporation, wants a kind of national lottery to fill in the gaps.

He is not being flippant. The situation may well become dangerous in the near future.

There is as much money about as there ever was. But progressive taxation, higher wages and welfare plans have spread it so that the bulk of the available capital is in the hands of millions instead of thousands.

Because the millions have only small sums, they tend to spend rather than save and when they do save, they don't invest. The man with £10 in his pocket is not interested in owning 10 shares in a corner factory or a steel mill. He would rather have a week-end at the seaside or make the down payment on a sewing machine.

The Scheme

So the gent in striped trousers at the Stock Exchange are taking Lord Piercy seriously.

If they can persuade the Government to lend a hand, they hope to get some of the £500,000,000 gambled every year and even some of the £350,000,000 collected by brewers and distillers, the £821,000,000 spent on tobacco, and the £187,000,000 which goes for entertainment.

Here's how the scheme would work:

The Government would sell £1 bonds (available in two shilling parts) to buyers who would agree to accept only one or two percent interest and hold them for 15 or 20 years.

The bond money would be invested in important home and overseas developments and the bulk of the return would go into a common pool.

At regular intervals, the Government would hold a draw and split the pool among the winners.

Thus the customer would save his principal and still be in the running for prizes as big as the Irish Sweepstake and the football pools.

The Snags

It sounds perfect—but there will certainly be snags.

British churches are on record as opposing gambling on principle—whether for charitable purposes, the general welfare or the bookies' benefit.

Large sections of the public agree. They think that get-rich-quick schemes of any kind lead to moral degeneracy and tend to absorb not the money which would otherwise be frittered away but the house-keeping allowance.

Nevertheless, Lord Piercy and his friends will certainly make out a strong case.

WHERE BRITAIN AND AMERICA DISAGREE

By BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP

LONDON. THE American magazine, Time, and its stable companion, Life, play an important role in the life of the American people. Both publications are strident, frequently biased and they have an unheimlich delight in blowing pens at top hats; but when they set out to inform their readers on world affairs they do it brilliantly, thoroughly, and with a full sense of responsibility.

In Britain there is no magazine which plays a similar role. The reason for that, however, is geographical. The British Isles are such a tiny affair that the London national morning newspapers, with linked-up printing plants in London, Manchester and Glasgow, are able to reach the breakfast table in all but the most remote places.

Will Be Read

THUS, in Britain, the power is with the newspapers and not with the magazines. By contrast, the immensity of the United States makes it impossible for a national newspaper to exist. The New York Times is the nearest thing to it, but aeroplane delivery can only operate on a small retail basis.

Therefore, in the USA the national field is dominated by publications such as Time, Life, the Saturday Evening Post, and the re-print best seller, The Reader's Digest.

Thus you will realise that when the current issue of Time publishes a clearly printed two-page spread under the headings:

THE U.S. AND BRITAIN
Allies Undermine Each Other To Each Other's Benefit

you may be certain that it will be read and studied in Britain not only at the Foreign Office but at 10 Downing Street.

The man in the street or the woman in the home (I think that is the right order) will ask why the opinion of one publication should carry so much weight. Who or what is the Editor of Time that statesmen should give him their care?

Anonymous

I KNOW something of the inner workings of this publication. It has a good deal in common with "Alcoholics Anonymous"—that strange secret society where reformed alcoholics gather together and re-live their dangerous nights and boisterous days by mutual confession, enlivened by anecdotes.

We do not suggest that the staff of Time are alcoholics, but they are certainly anonymous. Worse than that, they are synthetic. An item of three hundred words in the magazine may be the condensation of reports from five members of the staff. The secret sleuths of the FBI are not more hidden from the public eye than the boys and girls who contribute to Time.

Consequently this current two-page spread on Anglo-American misunderstandings is unquestionably the balanced and condensed reports of many competent men and women who draw regular salaries from the magazine. And that is the reason why Churchill, Eden, Butler, Aitken and even Aneurin Bevan are studying it carefully.

The opening sentence gives the key to what follows: "Relations between the USA and Britain are now worse than Americans think."

The Gap

ACCORDING to Time, the public debates at the United Nations and the private debates in the Chancelleries of the world, show that the policies of the two countries are not merely different but actively opposed. Britain is holding back on Germany, whereas America wants to make her the European base of Western Defence. Britain continues to covet the wan smile of China, while America brands her as a Communist menace. Nor can we in London complain the comment that China's only response to us is to slam the door in our face when we call with kind words and flowers.

Undoubtedly the China issue reveals the gap between the British and American point of view. Here, indeed, is a fundamental divergence.

To America, Communism is the enemy. To Britain, the enemy is Imperialistic Russia. When I talked with General Douglas MacArthur in New York a couple of years ago, he pointed out that whenever in the past Britain and Russia had engaged in war, either as allies or enemies, Britain saw to it that when the war was over Russia was never allowed to reach warm water. In other words, those famous "January" and "February" who have always saved Russia from conquest also made it impossible for Russia to wage war at sea in the winter.

Clash Of Ideas

QUITE frankly, we in Britain are not nearly as concerned with Communism as with Russian Imperialism, no matter by what name it operates. We do not believe that Communism can be defeated by the most hydrogated bomb which science can create. Communism can only be conquered by Capitalism demonstrating to the world that it gives human beings a better way of living. In other words it is a clash of ideas and ideologies.

Thus in London we do not allow Communism to rob us of our sleep, except when it is linked with aggrandisement and expansionism as in Russia. Like many other MPs, I felt no embarrassment at attending a reception at the Yugoslav Embassy when Tito visited London. Certainly he is a Communist, but his open defiance of Stalin was the heaviest blow to Imperialism. Communism that has been delivered since its throat first darkened the sides.

It may be that we are too complacent in Britain, and undoubtedly in one or two cases we were stupidly careless in allowing Communist scientists to occupy confidential posts in our laboratories. But we permit the Daily Worker to belch hatred against our way of life just as we permit Communists to run for Parliament and local councils. Quite frankly we prefer to have them in full view rather than hiding and conspiring in cellars.

Everything in the USA is more violent than here in these islands. The games are fiercer, the winters are colder, the summer is hotter, sport is more brutal, the rich are richer, the generous are more generous. And, undoubtedly, the constant immigration from Europe is a source of worry as it is a source of strength.

Therefore, it is not to be wondered that the biggest cleavage in Anglo-American relations springs from the disparity in age. The British have a sense of the centuries which governs their philosophy, their manner of living and their outlook on world affairs. To the British there is nothing really new. Problems may appear in a fresh guise, but they are just the same old problems. Thus, to the British, Hitler was no more than a savage repetition of the upstart Napoleon.

Revolutions

TO the British, nearly all revolutions run to a pattern. The decadence or the weakness of the existing form of monarchy or well intentioned despotism brings out the rising of the hungry mob. At the head of the mob there are always evident, inflammatory opportunists and idealists who scream that the bloody destruction of the existing regime will be followed by a heaven on earth where liberty, brotherhood and equality will reign for ever and for ever.

Since the mob cannot lead the mob, any more than private soldiers can lead an army, the revolution soon collapses and the Strong Man appears. That is where Britain and America disagree about Germany. The politicians in London, with their sense of history which I have already described, are not convinced that the Germany of today bears no relation whatsoever to the Germany of Adolf Hitler.

Three times in living memory Germany plunged Europe into war. Three times in living memory Germany invaded and occupied France. But in those three monster gangster raids Germany was victorious. In the first, therefore, it is not possible that Germany has learned her lesson and can now put away the knuckle duster of the criminal and take up the truncheon of the constable?

Great Cocotte

WITH logic on their side the Americans said to us, "If you do not rearm the Germans they will ruin you by being able to concentrate wholly on industrial production." No doubt we suggested in return that exiles dulle could be imposed on German exports as a contribution to Western European Defence.

The great struggles are never between right and wrong, but between the right and the partially right. No one can say that the British way is the only way, nor that the Americans are lacking in judgment and realism.

Same Fears

SUCH a Germany could smile first on the West and then on the East, changing her mood according to the response. France, with the memory of three Prussian invasions, will see the same fears emerging yet again.

I voted for the rearmament of Germany because we cannot have a vacuum in the centre of Europe, and because the Russians are such fools that they will not come to terms with the West. But I never cast a vote so heavy a heart.

Thus you will see the ever-widening gap between the American and the British outlook. We do not lie awake at night in fear of Communism as a political creed that will destroy human freedom. Except for the fanaticism which it inspires in weak minds, there is small difference between the Russian revolution and that of the French.

On the other hand, the Americans are apt to see a Communist under every bed. They even present the embarrassing spectacle to the world of an ex-President being charged with deliberately conspiring the employ of a proved Communist spy. Such immaturity shocks those of us who know and love the real America.

China Issue

FINALLY, there is the question of Britain's recognition of China. It may be news to the American readers of Time, but this action of the then British Government was taken with the knowledge and support of the American Administration.

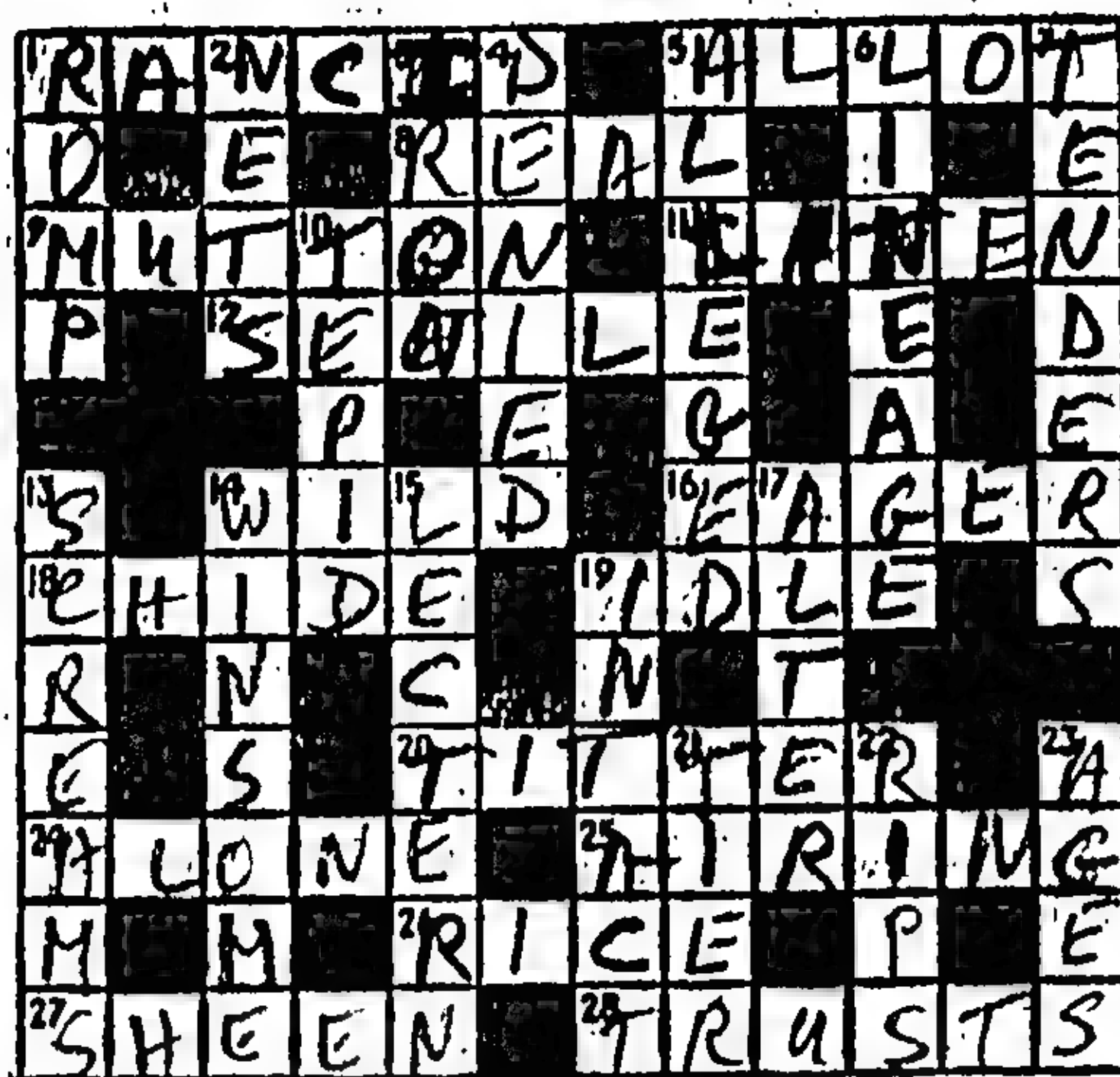
Certainly the Chinese Government has treated our envoy with a studied contempt. To employ an Americanism, I would make the comment: "So what?"

The Chinese and the British have much in common. They are very patient and, consequently, in no great hurry. China has always had a basic distrust of Russia, and also she has a long history of trading with Britain. It is true that Mao Tse-tung is a Communist, but we British hope and believe that he is first of all a Chinese.

Unhappily the difference between the Americans and the British are not confined to the issues of German rearmament or the continuing of Communism. In Britain we have a feeling, perhaps not justified,

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A British Crossword Puzzle



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 - Distributing (5).
 - Actual (4).
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 - Aged and feeble (10).
 - Untrained (4).
 - Keen (5).
 - Scold (5).
 - Slothful (4).
 - Giggle (6).
 - Solitary (5).
 - Excursion (8).
 - Grain (4).
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POOR LITTLE EMILY! SHE WAS SO DAZZLED BY MR. BLUNT

A BLESSED GIRL. By Lady Emily Lytton, Rupert Hart-Davis, 21s. 340 pages.

by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

ALMOST every day for almost 10 years little Lady Emily Lytton, whose father had been a Viceroy and an ambassador, wrote to the Rev. Whitworth Elwin at his rectory in Norfolk.

The old clergyman had a gift for gaining the confidence of young girls: he was free with kind-hearted, heavy-handed wisdom. "Conversation not utterly frivolous is an education," quotations from Wordsworth and a few dots about Macaulay.

"The Rev." as little Emily called him, was even ready to spring to the defence of Dickens: "The vulgarly belonged to the class from which Dickens sprang and was deeply ingrained in him."

In her letters to the rectory, gushing, naive and charming, Emily gave "the Rev." glimpses of life in the high social circles where she moved. Brother Victor was sent back from Eton because of embarrassing parasites in his hair. Worst Mother was similarly afflicted: "She decided that she must have picked them up in one of the French churches," she had visited.

Minister. It was a dramatic moment, even tragic. For the Tory Government were beaten and, worse still, Lord Salisbury's son, Lord Cranborne, was rejected by the voters of Dartmouth. The news arrived at dinner-time. Lord Salisbury said: "Bad news." Lady Salisbury, at the other end of the table, said in the calmest voice, "Oh, that is a great bore." Lord Hugh Cecil said, "Very tiresome."

They were wonderful, Emily thought. She longed to throw herself on the ground and kiss Lord Salisbury's feet—what he felt most was the ingratitude of the country.

But, at a time passed, the picture of the Cecils showed a few cracks. Lord Salisbury sat all night with tears in his eyes. And, hearing that Cranborne had been beaten by the Roman Catholic vote, Lady Salisbury stood in the middle of the room exclaiming: "Damn the Catholics, damn the Catholics!"

"Frances and Eustace say she took a drop too much," said Emily's letters dealt with a subject that caused far greater perturbation in the Norfolk rectory. Her friend Judith Blunt ("a peculiar girl; she particularly liked wrestling with her friends") was the daughter of Wilfred Scawen Blunt. This brilliant, romantic, dangerous figure loomed over the girl's correspondence like a thundercloud over a croquet lawn.

Blunt bred Arab horses, went to prison for Irish nationalism and wrote English poetry. He had been brought up a Roman Catholic; claimed to be a Moslem. He had been a British diplomat and was an honorary Arab chief, who on the slightest provocation came down to dinner in Arab robes. He was 53, Emily 18, when she went to stay at his house in Sussex as Judith's guest.

Fixing a piercing and predatory eye on his daughter's friend, the honorary Arab chief put on his smartest robes. He dazzled the girl with poetry and horses; pursued her from sofa to sofa. Fluttering little Emily was soon wildly flattered. At last he asked, "Emily, might I come and see you in your room?" Emily replied, "Certainly not." But she was more shocked than certain.

Deploying every stratagem, fond one moment, the next saying coldly, "The thing I loved in you was that you loved me," Blunt kept the girl in submission, flattered, fascinated, terrified—but virtuous.

Climax came at a house-party at Cromer. Faithful to an old tradition of English country house life, Emily locked her bedroom door. It proved a wise precaution. During the night she heard Mohammedan noises outside. And then Judith Blunt discovered the truth about her handsome father.

A year later, passionate Lady Emily met the witty, rising

The Year of the Lion is a novel about Kenya, about Africa, its people, its problems. Hanley transmits the problems of Africa into the colour of Kenya, the drama of the mass slaughter of zebras, the sustained torment of the lion-hunt, the slight madness, affecting men as well as women, of equatorial life at 6,000ft. above sea level, the casual dangers of the continent waiting for its revenge, and the appalling innocence of young Jervis looking for the first time on the immense tragic cap of the country. "Below them rolled hundreds of miles of wild country, swimming out of blue mists and turning green, grey, yellow, becoming Africa again before his eyes. He could hardly contain his exultance, as his eyes sought to drink in these moments of wonder."

Writing like that, persuading the reader that he can get inside the brain of settler, Dutchman, Indian, African and lion too, Hanley writes a Kenya novel that rises far above the usual discourse of tropical adultery and partisan politics.

The Year of the Lion is thrilling; it is far more than a thriller. Here is high distinction.

FATHER GOD BLESS HIM. By A. Corbett, Ryerson Press, Toronto. 76 pages.

BUILDING his own church, riding muddy roads on parish rounds, disputing with the Kirk Session, holding backwaters to the strict Substantiation line, bringing up eight children on a stipend of 800 dollars a year and seeing them all graduate from universities—the life of a Presbyterian minister in Eastern Canada tested a man's moral and physical fibres.

His life—as Mr. Corbett describes it in this touching, humorous record of his father, who was just such a minister—was hard, ill-rewarded in a worldly sense, and noble. Mr. Corbett remembers the nobility rather than the sternness. His father, a man of intellect and principle, was the hard-riding, hard-preaching sort of a New Scotland lumberman who became a minister in New Brunswick and elsewhere.

Mr. Corbett draws the portrait of one who combined Christian humility with pride, whose piety had a touch of pugnacity, and who coupled a disdain for money with pleasure in his children's material advancement. The picture of a good man who, like others of his kind, made a lasting imprint on the young Dominion.



"Certainly I can help you! You can't remember the title, you don't know the author, but you know it's unobtainable in the late of. Mum! Well, it's out!"

THE YEAR OF THE LION. By Gerald Hanley, Collins. 10s. 6d. 256 pages.

IT is "The Year of the Lion" because it is the year in which the lion kills Browning—and then two others—before it falls to the rifle of Jervis, a nervous young man fresh out from home.

PARADE

THEY'D SOONER DIE. London's smog—peasoupers or just plain fog they used to call it—caused public concern nearly four hundred years ago.

Apparently it offended Good Queen Bess.

Anyhow, she forbade the burning of coal while Parliament was sitting.

Since then, fog has become an accepted feature of the city. Continental visitors would arrive, lose themselves in a fog, and say when they returned to their sunny homelands: "Now we've seen England."

Fogs were at their yellow-blackest during the reign of Queen Victoria when the chimney stacks of the industrial revolution belched their poisonous smoke. And when countless servants were at hand in London homes to pile cheap coal on open grates.

In those days, winter fogs, together with hansom cabs and crinolines, were part of the London scene.

Now, all of a sudden, smog (maybe it's because of the name) has become London's Public Enemy No. 1.

The press has recalled in numerous articles that just winter's smog killed four thousand people in a few days. City councillors have met to abolish smog—and dispersed after warning that 9,500,000 tons of sulphuric acid are released yearly into the air by Britain's fires and furnaces.

Then the other day there was a smog. Not a big smog; just a baby smog, but enough to put the nation on the alert.

Londoners emerged to face the enemy. Many had smog masks in their pockets. But the traditional English reserve overcame them. They did not put them on.

A handful of people wore them as a joke. Immediately it was: "Where's the gas attack, eh?" "Dick Turpin rides again!" "Bad, smell around, mate!" They took the masks off. Maybe it will be different when a really bad smog arrives. But just now an Englishman would rather die than wear a smog mask.

PLAY London school teachers, BACK worried by the bad accents and faulty grammar of some of their pupils, have struck on a new method to improve faulty speech. Moving casually round the classrooms, they record the children's voices on a tape machine—and then let them hear themselves talk.

Generally, the pupils at first refuse to believe the recording is of themselves.

But when they are convinced, they immediately try to improve.

COELOPA FRIGIDA Russia agrees to Four Power talks, Sir Winston Churchill goes to Bermuda—and Coelopa Frigida has erupted into the Mother of Parliaments as subject for earnest debate.

Coelopa Frigida, Mr. Howard Johnson, MP for Brighton, told a surprised House, was advancing on the capital. They were in strength on a 150-mile stretch of beach on Britain's south coast. They travel at the rate of eight miles a week, he informed Members, and at that rate they would be in London's centre in three weeks. He suggested that the Secretary of State for War, Mr. Anthony Eden, should lead troops and flame-throwers to destroy the enemy.

Mr. A. C. Manuel, representing Central Ayreshire, demanded that trade union rates should be paid to soldiers taking part in the action.

The Secretary of State for War maintained a calm front.

Winter gales, he said, should help wash the invaders from the beaches. And the cold weather discouraged their courtship—and increase.

So Coelopa Frigida will not after all have to face Britain's armed might in their beach buzzing.

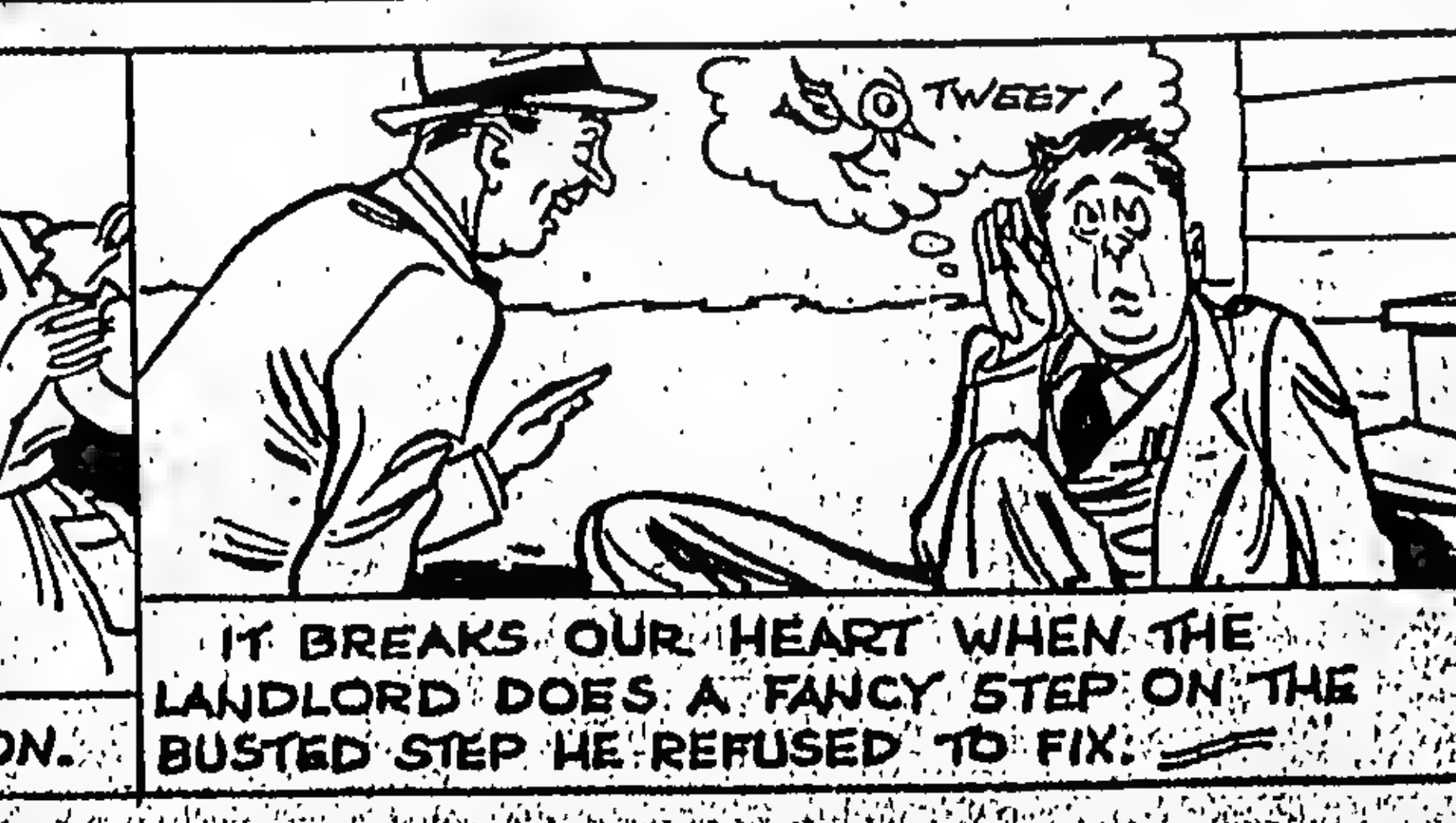
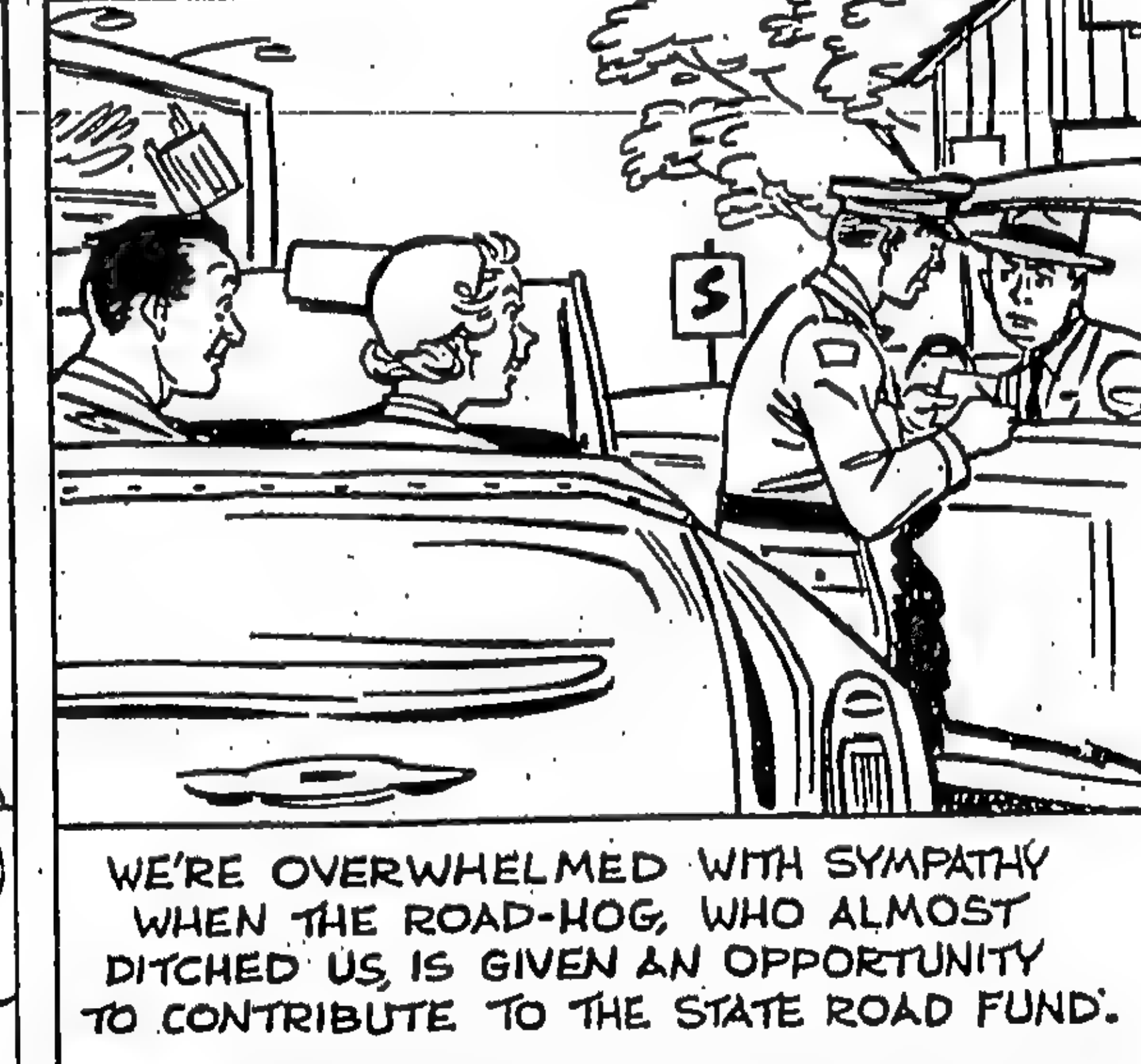
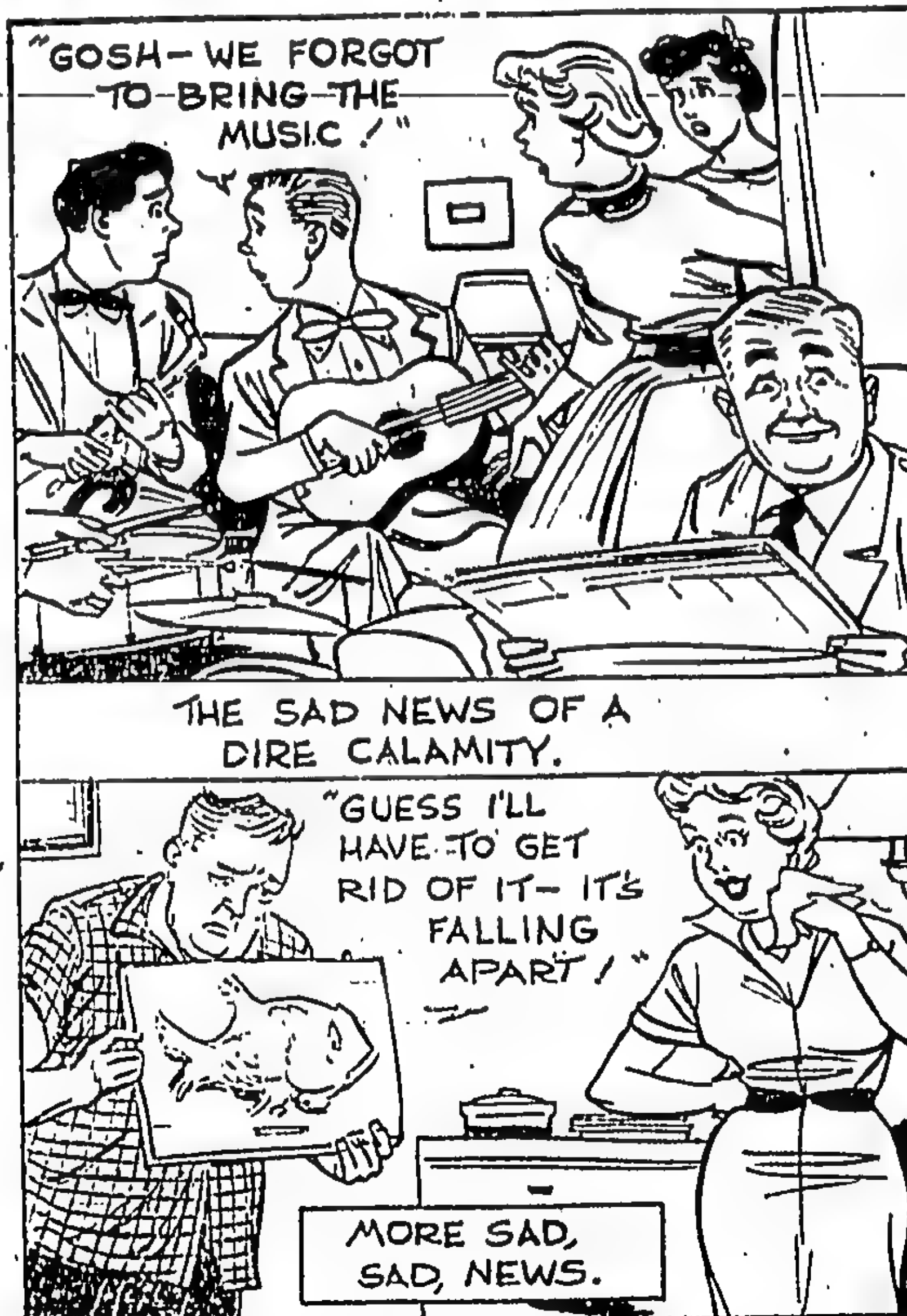
Coelopa Frigida? A small fly which infests rotting seaweed.

BASIC FACTS Revealed about Britain in the official Annual Abstract of Statistics: More than a million women live alone. Over eight million homes have no child under 16. There are 73,421 pubs; 4,199,900 cinema seats in 4,570 cinemas; 531,143 shops; over 14 million private homes, including 101,000 of one room.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Sympathy

BY HARRY WEINERT



WORK CURE It started as an experiment in London's Borough of Finsbury. A council meeting decided that belief that old people only want to be left in peace and quiet was a myth which should be exploded.

And they set up a work centre for old people at the famous Sidler's Wells Theatre.

Now, 65 men and women, whose age averages 72, arrive from Monday to Friday to work a daily two-hour shift.

The experiment has proved an unqualified success. So much so, that new work premises are to be found for the old people—and twice the number allowed to come.

Absenteeism is unknown, and the old folk each week earn an untaxed ten shillings to add to their pensions.

Their work makes them feel still of use to the world and, a great morale builder, precludes the suggestion of charity. Nobody urges them on, but invariably they feel it a point of honour to complete their jobs.

These are useful ones. They include making coat hangers; testing ballpoint pens; packaging corn-plasters and similar simple tasks.

Most important, the health of the old people has improved since they became occupied.

WAY TO THE TOP To businessmen has come a new guide for hiring boys and young men.

Drawn up by the Chamber of Commerce in Leeds, industrial northern city, it reflects the views of 188 industry and business bosses.

Don't look for above-average brains in a young fellow, they say. Don't look for a string of academic qualifications.

Instead, watch out for personality and character.

Decide whether he can be counted on as a loyal worker; whether he will accept the responsibilities of leadership.

If he fits the bill, take him on. And he should reach the top—whether or not his brains are brilliant.

THE CHINA MAIL'S WEEKEND LOCAL SPORTS PARADE

CRICKET LEAGUE
SEASON REACHES
HALF-WAY STAGE

By "THE ZOMBIE"

The First Division Cricket League enters its second round this afternoon with nine first round matches still remaining to be played off.

Optimists and Craignower are setting a fine example by arranging to have their postponed match played off tomorrow. More interesting games may be seen in these postponed matches if the other clubs will follow suit in having them played off on Sunday afternoons and utilising at least a couple of extra hours of play.

For the maintenance of interest in these League matches it is hoped that these postponed matches will be played off as early as possible. The full list of postponed matches is: Scorpions v. Army, KCC v. Army, Optimists v. CCC, University v. Scorpions, University v. Reccelo, University v. RAF, Navy v. IRC, RAF v. Reccelo and Reccelo v. Optimists.

Although Army enters the second round eight points in the lead, second-placed Scorpions are within striking distance. The two teams still have to play each other, but in the other postponed match Scorpions are more certain of their four points from University than are the Army from KCC. Reccelo and Optimists have dropped back as a result of their defeat last week and it seems that the championship race will be mainly between Army and the Scorpions.

MUCH THE SAME

The results of this afternoon's matches should be very much the same as in the first round games with the exception of that between the Scorpions and Reccelo at Chater Road.

There is no doubt that the Scorpions will be out to force the issue and avoid either a draw or a tie.

On paper and on form, the Scorpions have a commanding edge over their opponents, who still have to get back into their stride. If the light holds up a close and exciting finish should be seen in this match, with probably the Scorpions just managing to beat the clock. Army, who just managed to nose out Craignower by two runs in their first meeting this season, will be the guests of the Valley Club this afternoon.

Craignower are not incapable of registering an upset, but it is extremely unlikely that they will be able to do so this afternoon in view of their indifferent form in the past few weeks, both in batting and in fielding.

Army is a team against which it is fatal to drop any catches, and time and again Craignower have done that. The Valley men will not only find themselves up against a more accurate attack than they were faced with in their first match, but will also have to contend with a typical Yorkshire opening batsman in Gilling.

The IRC/RAF match at Sookmoo will, I think, see a decisive result this time. RAF's strong bowling and fielding side should be able to dismiss the whole IRC team for a moderate total and the issue will depend on how many runs the Airmen will be able to put up on the day's form.

The Navy-KCC clash at King's Park should provide excellent cricket if the Navy are able to field their full side. Both teams are now right back at the top of their form and it would take a brave man to say which team is going to come out the better in this encounter.

TODAY'S GAMES

First Division
CCC v. Army
Optimists v. University
Scorpions v. Reccelo
IRC v. RAF
Navy v. KCC

Second Division

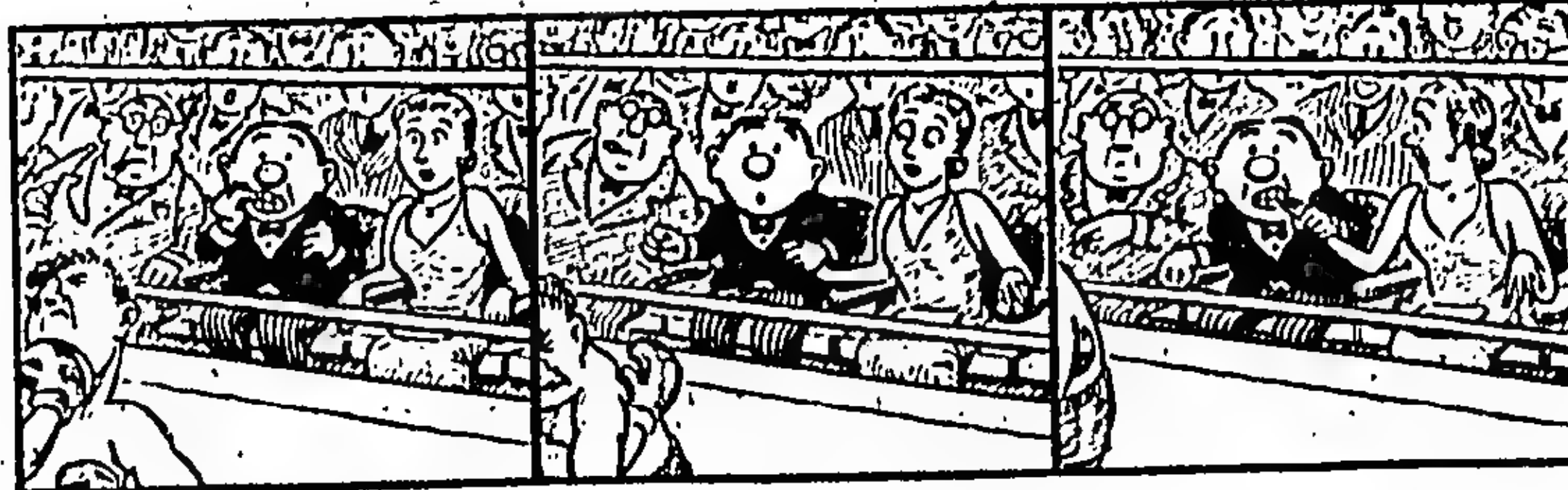
Army v. DBS
Reccelo v. KGV School
RAF v. Navy
KCC v. Dockyard

TOMORROW

First Division
Optimists v. CCC
Second Division
Police v. IRC

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton

Police To Carry On In The
Pentangular Tournament

By "PAK LO"

On Thursday night the Police Rugby team and its few fans held a meeting to discuss whether, in view of their poor chances of training during the week and their resulting losses on the field they should bow out of the Pentangular Tournament, and also out of rugby altogether.

The rumour that they were indeed considering withdrawal from the Tournament has been rife in rugby circles during the last week, and it is with great pleasure that I can inform you that they have decided to remain in and fight to the finish.

The discussion on Thursday covered mainly training and transport, and there is now some hope that they will be able to fit in some much needed training during the weeks to follow.

They also have a plan which will enable all their players to get to the field in time and it is to be hoped that this will work satisfactorily.

A few more members of the Police have of late shown a bit of interest in rugby and the selection committee is hoping many more will offer their services.

The main interest this afternoon will be on the Kowloon side where there are two games to be played off in the Pentangular Tournament at the Recreation Ground at Boundary Street, the first of which will be between the Club and the RAF at 3.15 p.m. This should be a very close match as the RAF have already beaten the Club in the "friendly" earlier in the season and will be all in the season's first success, while the Club will similarly be trying to erase the memory of their last defeat at the Airmen's hands by trouncing them well and truly.

The RAF are putting out a strong team to face the Club but they will feel the loss of Davidson, who was badly injured last week and will be unable to play for quite some time. Despite this setback the RAF will still have a fast three-quarter line with plenty of spirit, well backed up by a strong hard-tackling pack.

The Club are still desperately trying to find a good front row for their pack and this time they have acquired the services of Russell, the ex-Police hooker. This should give them a better share of the ball, but unless the pack changes its tactics and follows up hard and tackles low I cannot see the Club winning the game.

The Club three-quarters now have Layton in place on Cole and this gives them a fast set of three-quarters consisting mainly of last season's "retired" (?) players and if they get really under way they can be very dangerous.

However, I think that the RAF have more spirit than the Club and it is a pity that the same tigerish quality has not been seen in the Club team so far.

On the whole it should be a fast, even game with the RAF very slightly on top throughout.

POLICE V. NAVY
The second game, which starts at 4.15 p.m., is between the Police and the Navy, who have a really good team this season, leave the field of battle to the victors.

The Navy have a strong heavy pack with a first class hooker in Owen, and a fast three-quarter line and I just cannot see the Police stopping them from being the winners.

However, the Police have switched their team round to a very large and strong pack looking quite strong as a result. There are also some changes in their three-quarter line and this may improve their speed and handling.

After the last two days' drizzle the ground should be fairly soft and it is to be hoped that this will tempt the Police to tackle hard and low. If they do they have a slight chance of upsetting the Navy and the fact that they have decided to stay in the Tournament against heavy odds may give them the necessary impetus to their morale and might make a difference to the result.

But unluckily for the Police the Navy also have a lot of spirit and they are the fitter team and it would come as a big surprise should they be overcome.

On the other side of the harbour the Club "B" take on the A.A. Workshops REME at Happy Valley at 4 p.m. The Club "B" team has changed from its Wednesday team in order to allow all its members a chance to play, and though a little weaker in the three-quarters than usual is still quite a good team. The Workshops REME are booked and this should give Club "B" a fair share of the ball.

SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

Why Should The
HKFA Be
Just Tactless?

By I.M. MacTAVISH

The Hongkong Football Association has, by its recent actions, shown that it is both realistic in attitude and ambitious in purpose, but it has also shown that it is surely the most tactless of organisations.

The announcement earlier in the week that a first class referee was to be invited to visit the Colony with the Pegasus team showed that the association is aware that there is room for improvement in the control of local football.

But I consider that the wording that surrounded the announcement was as tactless as it was unfortunate, especially as we have in the Colony several Class 1 referees registered by the Football Association in England.

These men cannot but feel aggrieved when they read that another, of equal and similar qualifications, is being invited to come and show them their job. How differently this matter might have been presented if it had been announced that a referee was being invited to enable local fans to compare him with our top class local officials, then there would not have been the hostility to the project that the careless announcement has invoked.

WHAT IS WRONG
I am sure that by now readers will know that I consider that much of the refereeing in local games leaves room for both criticism and improvement. BUT I BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE LOCAL SYSTEM OF SELECTING OFFICIALS FOR THE BIG GAMES THAT IS WRONG.

In the Home countries referees are selected for games—big games particularly—on merit. There is no question of blind allegiance to a roster and until this system is adopted in the Colony there must always be the risk of getting an unsuitable referee nominated for a big game just because he happened to be next on the list.

I feel that what was intended to be—and should be—a great service to the game in Hongkong has been seriously prejudiced by the thoughtless use of words which have embittered the very men that it was intended to help.

I have in the past found cause to criticise—and sometimes praise—our whistlers for their work on the field of play, but in that I have always tried to be fair and similarly I make it quite plain that in this instance I am very much on the side of the referees whom I consider to be the victims of a sad breach of ethics.

TASK-TAKEN-TO
Earlier in the week there was published in this paper a letter from one of our best referees, Major Walker. In his letter he took me to task for my comments on the responsibility of a referee to inspect the boots of players to ensure that there is nothing about them that might cause unnecessary injury to another player.

In order that there should be no misunderstanding about this matter I tell you that there is a copy of the Referees' Chart before me as I write and it was there when I wrote my article last week so I can make no claim, to or be accused of, ignorance, of the rules.

Let me relate just a couple of incidents, which are statements of fact rather than of law. Almost exactly two years ago I attended a 2nd Round tie in the FA Cup as a guest of the home team. I was there because I had written a special programme for the match which was of historical significance to the club and I make that statement merely to show that I was not a casual outsider but in reasonably intimate touch with the officials.

Before the game I went into the dressing room to say "Good-luck" to the team, several of whom I knew. Just before the kick-off the referee entered the room and inspected the boots and ordered a player to remove his right boot and have some loose nails hammered down; and what is more, the delayed calling out the players until this had been done to his satisfaction.

There is also a much more recent incident when a FA referee was appointed to take charge of a "friendly" game in which a Scottish club visited an English First Division side. The English inspected new pattern boots worn by the Scottish players and ordered the manager to have footgear changed.

The better of these is the clash of the RAF and KMB at Caroline Hill. The Airmen have hit improved form in recent games but now that Barnicle has gone from the defence they will have a tough job trying to suppress the fast moving KMB forward line.

This is really a game of several "ifs". If Ng Kee-chung plays with the same uncertainty as he did against South China and if Loader, Gilbey and Morgan can cash-in on his temporary loss of form, we may get a much closer result than form would suggest.

My vote, however, must go to the Busesmen for I doubt if the RAF defence can withstand the pressure that is bound to come from the clever Kowloon attack.

CALLING NEW BLOOD
In the other "public" game, St. Joseph's meet Kwong Wah and, unless they find a new lease of life, it seems that the Chinese boys will pass in the second round of the competition. St. Joseph's must find new blood for their side which is not up to 1st Division standard.

The last game on the programme is a meeting of Army and Police. The Boundary Street team has now improved considerably and "the boys-in-blue" are capable of upsetting many "appeals" when the ball is running for them. The Army will look at this as a very special game as it is the first chance they have had to avenge the unexpected defeat they suffered on the Police ground earlier in the season.

The Army must, on current form, be favourites but I warn them that if they take this game in anything other than top gear they will find themselves in trouble. Much will depend on the ability of Frazer to subdue Au Chi-yin, but it will be a big surprise if the Soldiers do not go marching-on.

A most interesting talking point since Wednesday. Why did the team manager of the Colony team make three positional changes to replace Yui Cheuk-yin when he had an official inside-left, Gilbey, in reserve?

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Lord Burghley has been made a Master of Soviet Sport.

He was given the award in Brussels by Mr. N. Kallin, head of the Russian delegation to the International Amateur Athletic Federation Congress, of which Lord Burghley has been President since the war.

The award takes the form of a silver medalion which bears a five-pointed Red Star surrounded by the words "USSR—Master of Sport," and is awarded to Russian athletes who have attained great performances.

Lord Burghley, who won the Olympic 400 Metres Hurdles title at Amsterdam in 1928, four years later recorded in America a time of 52.3 seconds which has never been bettered by any British athlete.

VODKA DINNER

He first met the Russians in August 1950 and at Helsinki was invited by them to a vodka dinner.

Next summer he will sit with Mr. Kallin as a fellow-member of the Jury of Appeal at the European Championships in Bern, Switzerland, at which Gordon Pirie, Emil Zatopek and the blond, 20-year-old Russian sailor Vladimir Kuts will battle out the 5,000 Metres title.

WORLD CHAMPION



The World Table Tennis Champion, Ferenc Sido of Hungary, in play at Wembley during the match against England.—Central Press Photo.

SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Infatuation—A Colt With A Touch Of Class

By JAMES PARK

Normally I start my Spotlight on the rising three-year-olds with the top weight in the Free Handicap. There would be no point in doing so this time as The Pie King is now in the United States. He will have greater opportunities there and is to be trained for the Santa Anita Derby. He is not engaged in any of the English classic races.

If the handicapper had omitted The Pie King that would leave Infatuation as the official champion. Away back in March, before the opening of the season, I went round Victor Smyth's stable at Epsom.

There were 33 two-year-olds in the yard, but I wrote that Infatuation was in a class by himself. I do not take any credit for that. Anyone would have done the same.

Even at such an early age there was no mistaking the fact that here was a colt with a touch of class. He was a tall, well-made colt and looked and walked like an aristocrat.

He was perky and on his toes like some of the Nearsco stock, and it was obvious that he had a good conceit of himself. Infatuation left me with the impression that he knew he was "a cut above his fellows."

WISE POLICY
Victor Smyth was not slow to recognise the symptoms and said to me: "Despite his size, I shall give him a couple of early races just to settle him down. Then I shall rest him until later in the season."

That was a wise policy as he might have got too much above himself if he had been handled too tenderly. There is nothing like putting them in their place as early as possible like a naughty schoolboy.

The policy has paid dividends for, after his two early races, the colt settled down and gave no trouble. In all his races he went about his business like a workman and gave all he had. Such was the excellence of his work that he will now be one of the early favourites for the 1954 Derby.

It is not necessary to pay much attention to the two races

Infatuation had in the spring of the year. He was third in a big field at Newbury in early April after being beaten No. 2 in a field of 31. A little later in the month he was second to Golden God at Sandown.

STRAIGHT THROUGH

Nothing was seen of Infatuation after that until Goodwood in the last week of July. That was his first race at six furlongs and, after promising to win comfortably, a stout challenger came along in Coronation Scot. Ken Gehin had to get to work but Infatuation ran straight through and, while he won by only a neck, he never looked like being beaten.

That might not have placed the colt in the top class but two subsequent efforts left no doubt on the point. On the strength of these consecutive victories, Umberto was rated a betting proposition for the Royal Lodge Stakes run over the Old Mile at Ascot.

He could not get his feet out of the mud and Infatuation sailed away from Wylie Valley and Tarfman to win by five lengths. The winner's stride was as long and smooth as the winning post as at any other stage. It was a grand display of stamina.

Then came the Dewhurst Stakes over seven furlongs when Infatuation gave Lets Fly 4lb, and a length and a half beating. Lets Fly had been beaten a similar distance in the Grand

Criterion to the form made Infatuation 4lb, in front of Le Geographe, who is probably the best colt in France.

Gehin did not ask his mount for an effort until two furlongs from the finish. Infatuation quickened for the lead and held the French colt's challenge comfortably.

NO FAULT

No fault could be found with the way the colt did his work and, even when he won the Dewhurst, he was not the finished article. He may well be a much better-looking three-year-old as he wants to let down and get more substance on his generous frame. With that may come a corresponding advance in ability.

In colour, make and shape Infatuation takes after his sire, Nearsco. The colt's dam, Allure, was a useful two-year-old, when she won three of her four races and earned a mark of 85, 2lb, in the Free Handicap. She won over seven furlongs as a three-year-old and over six furlongs as a four-year-old. As a daughter of Sir Cosmo, no more than that could have been expected.

It is not a particularly distinguished family in tail-female—the bottom line of the pedigree—and Infatuation is by far the best in four generations. Even if it is not a classic pedigree throughout, Infatuation has stamped himself as a top-class colt and I think he will stay a mile and a half.

(London Express Service)

BRAVES WILL FACE THEIR STIFFEST HURDLE AGAINST THE PANDAS TOMORROW

By "SNOOPER"

Ed Carvalho's Champion Braves, out of action for a month, will face their stiffest hurdle on Sunday at 3.45 p.m. at King's Park against Jackie Wei's Pandas who enhanced their prospects for the Senior "A" Pennant with a polished 2-1 performance against Jindoo Hussain's Saints in their last appearance.

In this top-of-the-softball-bill attraction, the Braves should be subjected to severe pressure and their outfielders will have to show more versatility and a speedier execution of their movements if they are to beat the Pandas in this crucial tussle.

"We shall definitely field the best available side but no players will be chosen until the team reaches King's Park," manager Carvalho said to me yesterday. For Carvalho, things will be a little easier than was earlier anticipated, as both Junior Remedios and Spike Gutteres who are scheduled to represent Recife in a hockey game at 2.30 p.m. are given ample time to make the fullgame.

At the special request of the Braves, the Pandas have sportingly agreed to have the game played off at 3.45 p.m. to allow both Remedios and Gutteres to take part in the eagerly-awaited clash between two of the leading teams in the Loop.

Although Carvalho is concentrating on developing relief pitchers Jack Brown and Kelly Silva-Netto for future contests when ace mountman Chapple Remedios leaves for the United Kingdom at the end of the month, it is unlikely that he'll start Brown or Silva-Netto in this needle tilt against the Pandas.

Out to preserve their unbeaten record, the Braves are expected to start Chapple on the mound as his inside low balls have time and again caused havoc among the Pandas' batters.

It will be recalled that in the exhibition encounter between the Braves and the Pandas played in Macao the Braves seemed to be in danger of losing but recovered sufficiently well to nose out the Pandas by 1-0. In other games between the two teams, the Braves have won in most impressive style.

The only serious doubt about tomorrow's Braves' line-up is whether shortstop Eddie Loureiro is fit. It is most likely that Loureiro and Carlos Medina will be benched. Although the Braves' side, unlike that of the Pandas, will not be chosen until just before the game, there is every likelihood that the team will be—

Pitcher—Chapple Remedios; **Catcher**—Frankie Correa; **1st base**—Carlos Yvanovich; **2nd base**—Honk Killen; **3rd base**—Junior Remedios; **Shortstop**—Dick Gutteres; **Left-fielder**—Spike Gutteres; **Right-fielder**—Bull Dhabber.

FULLEST CONFIDENCE

Manager Jackie Wei told this scribe that he did not recommend a last-minute spectacular reshuffle of his line-up to bolster morale but had fullest confidence that the same bunch of players who conquered the Saints would be good enough to overpower the Braves.

Wei himself performed with great credit for the Pandas against the Saints, whose batters were only able to get a hit in the seven-innings. In a nutshell, a recent victory over the Braves will principally depend on his pitching form and his steyling powers.

There will be a different story to tell should Wei come up with another inspired

pitching performance, on—It may develop into the old story of the Braves' batters wearing down Wei and jostling to victory.

The Pandas' infielders in first-baseman Harold Ong, second-baseman Willie Woo, third sacker Wally Ma and shortstop Y. S. Liang have shown throw positional sense and are expected to play their part tomorrow. In the outfield department, one fact stood out clearly in the game against the Saints. Left-fielder Allen Cheng, Centre-fielder S. S. Hsu and right-fielder Benny Fan have developed a great understanding. Gone are the hope-for-the-best moves and in their place has appeared an intelligent well-planned style.

There will be little comparison in the batting department. For the Braves, Junior Remedios, Hank Killen and Bull Dhabber will certainly pose a constant menace to Jackie Wei. The Pandas' heavy hitters include Y. S. Liang, Wally Ma, S. S. Hsu, Allen Cheng and Willie Woo who should trouble Chapple Remedios.

Pitcher Wei, with his customary fire in the first three innings, is expected to hold the Braves scoreless and should the Pandas score three runs in this period they stand a reasonably good chance of upsetting the Braves.

The Pandas' line-up for tomorrow is as follows:—

Pitcher—Jackie Wei; **Catcher**—Raymond Teo; **1st base**—Harold Ong; **2nd base**—Willie Woo; **3rd base**—Wally Ma; **Shortstop**—Y. S. Liang; **Left-fielder**—Allen Cheng; **Centre-fielder**—S. S. Hsu; **Right-fielder**—Benny Fan.

WARRIORS FAVOURED

In the morning session Senior "A" game, the Warriors seem set for their second straight victory over Chev Teo's South China. Solid proof of manager Alfredo Oliveira's Warriors' strength was the overwhelming 17-6 triumph over the Rexes last week-end.

The Warriors, who had extremely bad luck in losing to the Braves and the Saints by narrow margins, have struck top form and are expected to take the measure of the Caroliners by a comfortable margin of at least five runs.

Hero of the Warriors' squad last Sunday was home-run clouter Johnny Pereira who tallied two home runs, including a ground slam home run. The other prominent batter was Gogo Marques. With pitcher Joey Franco enjoying good form, it is difficult to see how the Warriors can drop this game.

South China's ballplayers look far from being a team that's capable of providing an upset. There is much room for improvement in the infield and with an inexperienced Dick Lau doing mound duties, it will take

some time before the Caroliners can accomplish much in the Senior "A" circuit.

The remaining Senior "A" encounter between Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association and the USS Cockrell should develop into a tight affair and good softball is to be expected as the sailors have made much progress since their debut at King's Park some three weeks ago.

LADIES' LEAGUE

Pearl Chan's Pandas, whose 4-3 victory over Terry Noronha's Champion Whiteos last Sunday had raised hopes among their supporters that they might win the Ladies' Pennant, play the Chinese Athletic Association in what should appear a lop-sided affair.

The Pandas are in a class above the CAA squad and are picked to make it their sixth straight win tomorrow.

There was jubilation in Virgilio Ribeiro's Whiteos camp after their victory over the CAA squad a fortnight ago and the Whiteos juniors deserve recognition as the team to watch in the very near future.

In their next outing against South China, Virgilio Ribeiro and her colleagues should succeed again but it will not be an easy task. The Caroliners have put in a good deal of practice and are capable of causing a mild upset.

SENIOR "B" GAMES

Two Senior "B" games are billed for the week-end. The main attraction will be the game between Bob Suzman's Americans and Jack Carvalho's Wildfires. With the inclusion of Claude Pugh and newly-acquired pitcher Daniel Remedios in the Americans' fold, the Yanks should provide some stern opposition to the favoured Wildfires.

In the other game, Bill Silva's Delawares are out to score their fifth successive win, this time against a weak Hongkong University team, and they should be able to achieve their objective.

The writer has been officially informed that the protest lodged by the PI Dodgers against the Delawares in their last encounter has been overruled.

There will be two Junior Division games this afternoon. The Maumaus, who were surprisingly upset by the Cubs last week, should account for the Rookies while the Comets are given an edge over David Cooper's 25 Gunners.

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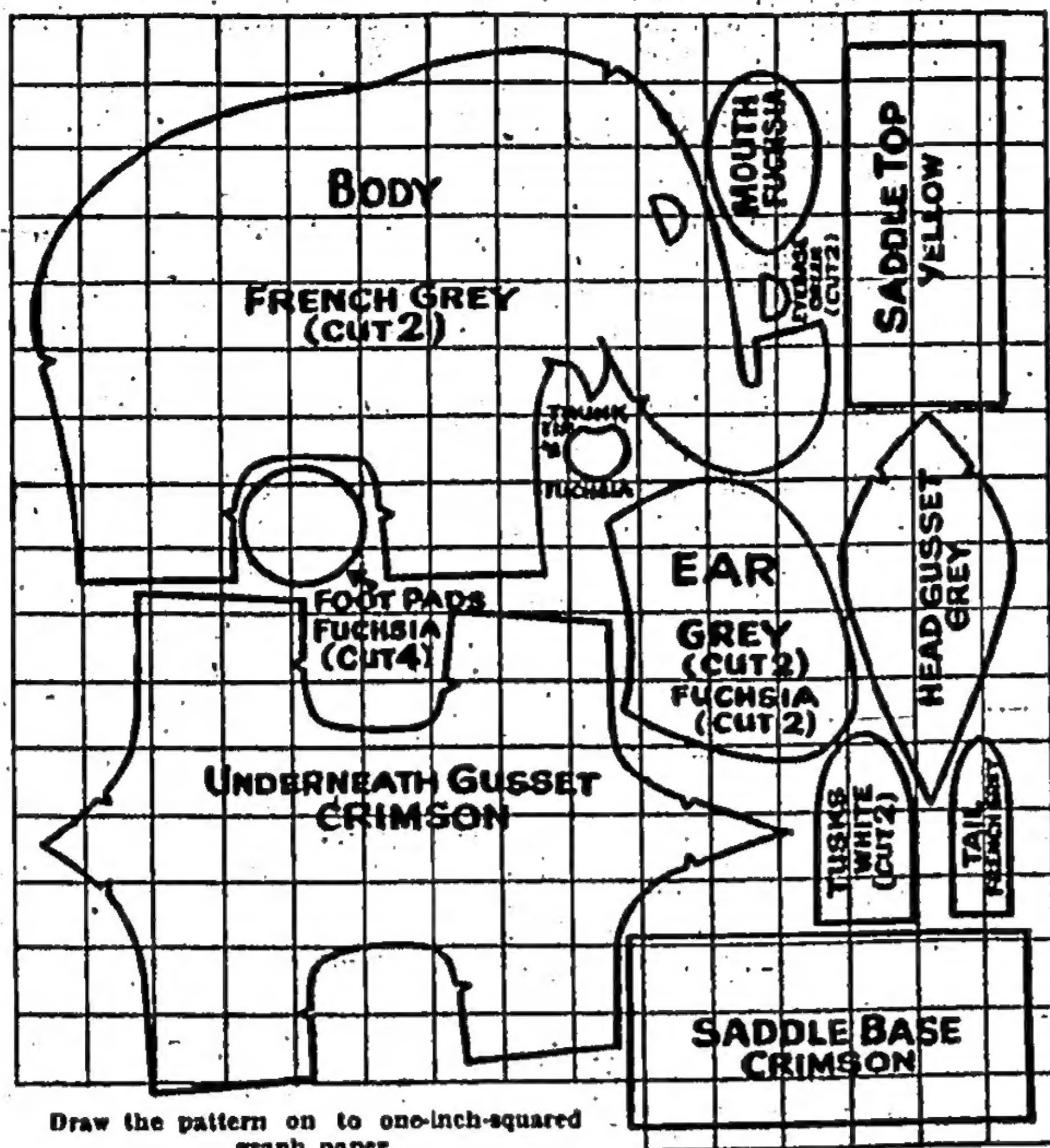
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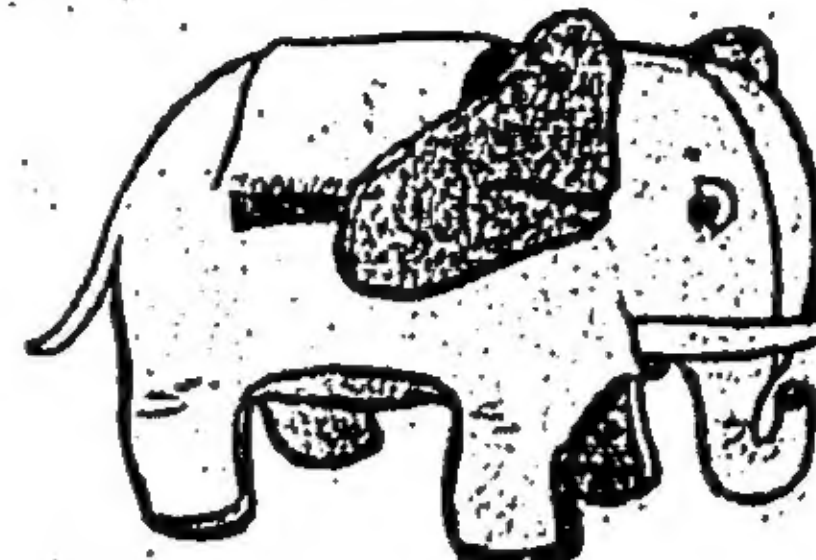


Draw the pattern on to one-inch squared graph paper.

Christmas is not far off now and many of you will welcome today's start to the gift-making.

by Shirley Lowe

WHY not solve your Christmas toy problem the Do-It-Yourself way? The present you make yourself is doubly pleasant to give. Start with this felt elephant. It is cheap and easy to make; it is an elephant a child will never forget.



It has a grey body, crimson underbody, fuchsia feet, ear lining, mouth and end of trunk, white tusks, yellow back draping and green eyes. Materials necessary: A piece of French grey felt 24 ins. by 24 ins. (54 sq.); two pieces of crimson and fuchsia felt 9 ins. by 12 ins. (18 sq.); scraps of yellow, crimson, white, and green felt (6d.); a reel of cotton, two buttons, and 3/4 lb. of kapok stuffing (4s. 6d.).

Draw the pattern (left—each square equals one inch) on to one-inch squared graph paper. Since the sewing is done with the seams turned in you will find there is 1/2 in. left for turnings.

Now, with the right sides together, stitch the head gusset with the long end down the trunk to one side of the body, notches matched. Join the other side of the body to match, stitching from the end of the trunk down the centre back for about 4 ins.

Careful, now

SEW the underbody to the matching edges of the body, and, after the second half, continue the centre back seam above the tail for 1 1/2 ins.

Sew the under feet to the legs, and the lower seam of the trunk from the end to the notch before the mouth, and again from the point of the mouth to meet the underbody.

Fit the mouth carefully, sharpen end at the trunk base, if necessary cut along the line between the trunk and the lower point of the mouth to ease, and stitch.

Sew in the end of the trunk with indent near the head gusset. Turn inside out, pulling out carefully. Stuff with kapok through the opening in centre back.

Starting with the trunk, build up the head, the legs, and finally the body. Take time over the stuffing, as upon this depends the shape of the model.

The tail

JOIN the remainder of the back seam by slip-stitching. With right sides touching, join each ear to its lining, leaving about 1 in. open.

Through this turn inside out, neaten, make the pleat, slip-stitch to the head.

Fold the tail, stitch close to edge, and pull through. Attach to the body just above where the underbody joins it.

The tusks

FOLD and stitch each tusk, stuff and sew up the end, tuck inside the mouth and sew in place.

Catch to the trunk by a thread running through the trunk from tusk to tusk. Over-sew each green eye in place, with a thread passed through head from side to side, securing both buttons firmly.

Fringe the end of the top yellow back draping, place over the red and slip-stitch into position.

Remember—the secret of professional toy-making is to work the kapok stuffing firmly into every corner of the animal.

How It Began:

Glass Making Was Discovered By Chance From Supper Fire

By LEE PRIESTLEY

SHINAR, the Phoenician shipmaster from the ancient city of Tyre, gave orders to bring the galley close inshore. Night was near and it was time to tie up the vessel and go ashore. Although the Phoenician traders dared the wide ocean in their little vessels, no wise master sailed at night if there was a harbour at hand.

The landing was made on the banks of the River Belus, in what is now the Holy Land, and the ship was anchored safely. The master did not mean to take any chances with his cargo of nitrum, an impure form of soda, that he had brought from Egypt, so it was dark before the sailors were free to prepare their evening meal.

"Master," one of the sailors came to speak to Shinar, "we

can find no stones upon which the cooking pots may rest. Will you give us permission to take some lumps of nitrum from the vessel? Doubtless when the fires die down the lumps can be returned to the cargo."

Grudgingly Shinar gave his consent. Then as the sailor went for the lumps of nitrum, the sailing master called to him, "Wait. I will find the

lumps for you. Some of those with streaks of limestone will be good enough for the pots to rest upon."

So the supper was cooked and the lumps of crude bicarbonate of soda grew hotter and hotter. Fortunately the potage was done and had been eaten when it happened. Shinar, looking at the dying fire, saw that the lumps of nitrum were melting, and sliding down into the sand.

Curious, he went to look closer. Then he saw that the soda, the lime and the sand that supported them had fused together to make a strange new material, magically unlike any of its three ingredients.

There on the sand in little crystal rivers ran molten streams of the first glass ever made by man. Shinar was wise enough to gather the new substance when it had cooled enough to handle, and to keep the secret of its making. This secret he imparted to a few Egyptian craftsmen who soon found a way to make the first commercial glass.

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Ever Go Water Lily Picking?

—When the Shadows Did, They Learned a Lesson—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were sitting with their friend Ting-a-Ling in his little boat. Ting-a-Ling was rowing them slowly across the pond toward a large patch of green leaves floating on the water. Here and there among the leaves were white and yellow blossoms.

"Are those the water lilies you were telling us about, Ting-a-Ling?" asked Knarf.

"Yes, my friend," said Ting-a-Ling. "And if it pleases you," he added, smiling at both Knarf and Hanid, "we'll pick some of the blossoms."

Biggest and Best Knarf and Hanid said eagerly that this was just what they wanted to do. "Let's pick the biggest and best water lily blossoms we can find," said Knarf.

Ting-a-Ling smiled again. "There won't be any trouble picking the biggest and the best," he said. "Almost all of them are the same size, and even the smaller ones are as beautiful as the large ones."

By this time they had reached the clump of floating water lily leaves. Knarf and Hanid laughed when they saw them. "Why," said Hanid, "they look just like green plates!"

They did indeed! There were hundreds and hundreds of them, all round and flat and floating on top of the water, held up by long stems which reached way down to the bottom of the pond where the roots of the water lilies were. And in among the crowd of leaves were the lovely white and yellow blossoms.

"Now let's pick them," said Knarf.

Hanid shouted eagerly that she was ready to pick them, too. "Pleat!" said Ting-a-Ling. "Just lean over and pick them! There are blossoms all around! Only be careful," Ting-a-Ling warned, "not to lean over too far, otherwise you'll tip the boat."

Cause of the Trouble It wasn't tipping the boat that caused any trouble. It was something else.

No sooner did Knarf and Hanid lean over to pick a white or yellow blossom than they suddenly saw what seemed to be a much bigger and better blossom a few feet beyond.

"Let's go and get those!" cried Knarf, pointing to the better one.

"But, my dear," said Ting-a-Ling, "all the blossoms are equally beautiful. The ones you



Ting-a-Ling rowed the shadows slowly across the pond.

Further off only look more beautiful!"

It did Ting-a-Ling no good to say this. Knarf and Hanid insisted that he row the boat to where the better water lily blossoms were growing!

But when they reached the place where the better ones were growing, they found that still better ones seemed to be growing still farther off.

On and on they went, deeper and deeper among the blossoms. And always, the better ones seemed to be growing just beyond.

"But you're not picking any!" said Ting-a-Ling.

"We're waiting until we get to the good ones!" said Knarf.

Finally, after going in and out through the whole water lily patch, looking for the biggest and best blossoms, they finally found them right where they started from!

"It's just as I said before," said Ting-a-Ling. "The further blossoms only seem to be bigger and better, but all of them are equally beautiful."

So, Knarf and Hanid, well satisfied that Ting-a-Ling was right, picked a whole bouquet of white and yellow water lilies.

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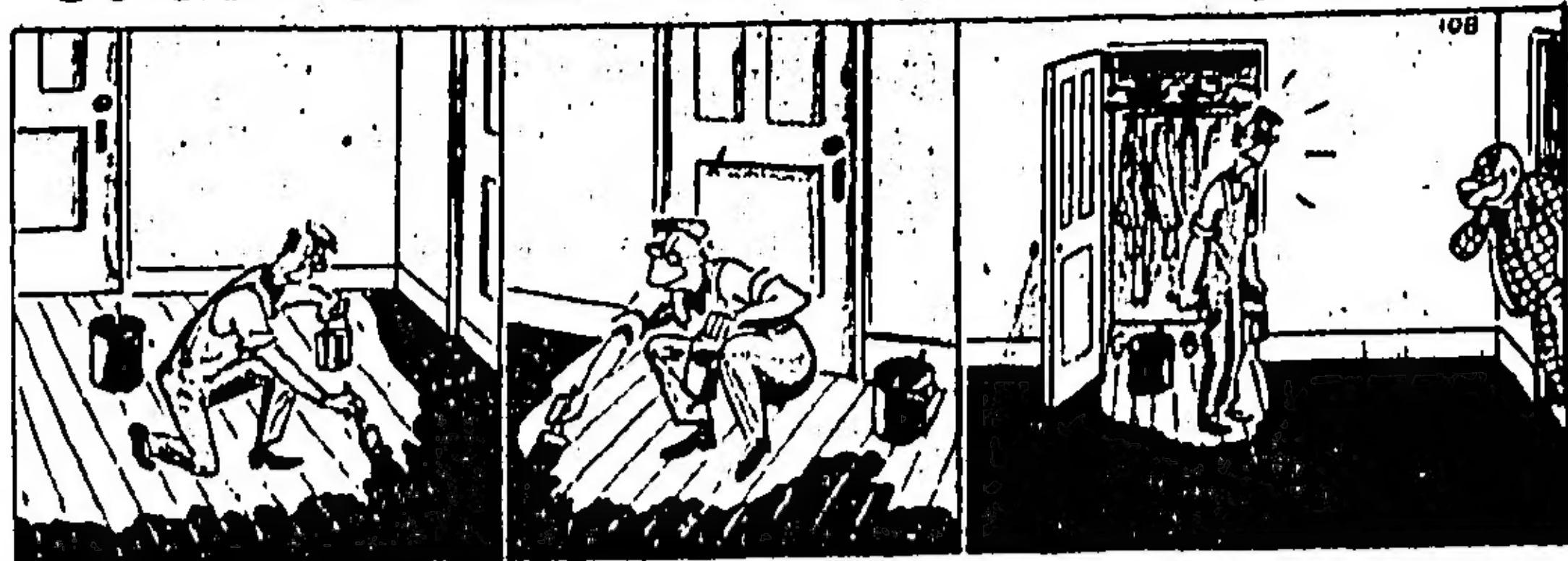
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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN . . . by Walter

JACOBY
ON BRIDGEExpert Shows Way
To Win at Bridge

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in a recent tournament, most declarers had to struggle to make game at hearts. In most cases they lost a diamond, a club, a heart without the slightest trouble. One or two declarers even managed to lose a fourth trick, thus losing their game contract.

When my friend and associate, Freddie Sheinwald, played the hand, he came up with the astonishing total of 13 tricks! As you might expect, he got a little help from the defenders, but it was still a very neat performance.

West opened the six of spades, and Sheinwald, playing the South hand, decided that this was an "honest" opening lead and therefore decided to let it ride around to his jack. Even if this finesse had lost, declarer reasoned that he would be able to discard a diamond on one of dummy's spades and thus avoid the risk of losing two diamond tricks.

As it happened, East was unable to produce the queen of spades, and South was able to

NORTH			
♠AK7			
♥A92			
♦Q9743			
♣K4			
EAST			
♠10862			
♥Q76			
♦K5			
♣K3			
SOUTH			
♠J3			
♥K843			
♦A2			
♣A10			
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—A♠			

win with his jack. His next step was to lead a low diamond very cautiously from his hand. West quivered slightly and played low. This was a mistake, as it turned out.

Having noticed the quiver, Sheinwald had no hesitation in playing dummy's queen. When this held, he returned to his hand with the ace of diamonds.

Two rounds of spades followed, South discarding his last diamond. Now declarer led a third round of diamonds from the dummy. East desperately put in the ten of hearts, hoping that it would embarrass declarer to overruff.

This was the second offensive error. Declarer was glad to overruff with the jack. It was now clear that East did not hold the queen of hearts, so declarer cashed the king of hearts and finessed dummy's nine of hearts, followed by the ace of hearts to draw trumps. Now dummy could cash the last two diamonds to discard declarer's two losing clubs. The three extra tricks earned declarer a very welcome top score.

CARD Sense

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Diamond Double
You, South, hold: Spade 5, Hearts K-9, Diamonds Q-J-9-5-2, Clubs K-7-4-2. What do you do?

A—Bid four diamonds. This is a pre-emptive raise, showing considerable distributional strength but not very much in high cards. With greater high-card strength you could afford to redouble and raise the diamonds later on.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spade 5, Heart 6, Diamonds Q-J-9-5-2, Clubs K-Q-7-4-2. What do you do?

Answer On Monday

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

BORN today, you must guard against being too impulsive. Your heart is always in the right place, but sometimes you act before you think and make everything come out just wrong! Your temper is high and your moods capricious. Much of this is due to your great store of nervous energy and a capacity for original thinking which makes you want to be continually on the go toward some exciting objective. Cultivate more patience and you will eventually reach your objective with more hits and fewer misses.

You are not to be a chronic "warrior" and are always looking on the dark side of things, even long bridges before you come to them. This is probably because you expect too much of yourself. You want what you want when you want it. Waiting is something that the other fellow has to do—but never you. Learn to divert your energies into constructive channels at an early age and you will achieve success—and very likely fame. You have been given all the makings.

You may have a host of acquaintances, but your circle of intimate friends is apt to be limited to those few who understand your temperament and share similar ideals. But once someone has been admitted into the "inner circle," it is for life. Select your marriage partner carefully and there can be exceptional happiness in store for you.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—Make it a great time for you to start addressing your Christmas cards if there are many to be done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Spiritual deviations are highly favored. You could receive a real inspirational uplift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You may want to develop your new idea further today. Be sure that you test it out thoroughly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Don't try to accomplish too much just now. There are times when you need to relax tensions.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have been neglecting Christmas preparations, better get busy on them over this weekend.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you have any spare time today, try to get in some serious relaxation. Too much work can dull your ambitions.

DOWN today, you are inclined to be a little too cautious. You want to weigh all of the evidence over and over again before you finally make up your mind. Sometimes this results in procrastination and indecision. This is poor policy and it will be well if you learn, early in life, to speed up your decisions. Otherwise you may lose out on opportunities which could be of the utmost importance to your future.

You are fond of literature, music and the arts and will probably have some creative talent. But, since you are a severe critic and something of a perfectionist, you may feel that your gifts are "second rate" and prefer to encourage and sponsor those whom you believe to be better than you are. This could prove to be a mistake, for the star-given seed of genius is there and it is up to you to develop it.

Although you are fond of visiting distant places all over the earth's surface, you will always want your own home and family to which you may return. In fact, unless you can take the family along on your journeys, you will never be completely happy. You women are highly domesticated and make splendid wives and mothers. You men, too make good family managers and although you may try to rule with a rod of iron, you will find it bends very easily when it comes to members of your own family! Yours should be a happy and contented life.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—Being too hasty in making decisions can sometimes be harmful. Today, slow and easy wins the race!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be patient with all detail work today or you may find that you are liable to make a serious error.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—There should be much happiness in store for you all month. Refuse to be even temporarily discouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If you are lucky, you can avoid getting into any argument which

might cause a permanent misunderstanding.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Meet with congenial friends at the home of one of them and enjoy yourself more than you anticipate.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—This is a fine day for shopping. You should be able to fill every requirement of your long list!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If making a decision which will influence the rest of your life, be cautious and consider all details.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Something important, even unexpected, may appear on the domestic front. Be prepared to meet any crisis.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A fine evening for entertaining or for being entertained. If you wish, invite friends to your own home.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If you haven't taken care of your long distance Christmas mailing, be sure that you do it today.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—There are conflicting elements in today's aspects, so proceed cautiously in whatever you are undertaking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Get your work done during the day so that you may feel free to accept a social engagement this evening.

POPULAR RECORDS:

MARTIN & MERMAN
EPIC NUMBERS

THE outstanding stay-at-home entertainment event of the past summer in America was the Ford 50th Anniversary television show, thanks to Mary Martin and Ethel Merman.

Makes Merman and Martin wound up the big TV shindig with a potpourri of no less than 29 songs, all in a space of about 10 minutes.

This unprecedented performance was too good to die on the air waves, so Decca recorded the Martin-Merman epic on two sides of a 12-inch 78-single.

Each sings the songs that made her famous on Broadway. Miss Martin wins willing applause for "My Heart Belongs to Daddy" and "Wonderful Guy," and Miss Merman with memorable musicals, such as "I've Got Rhythm" and "No Business Like Show Business."

But the Merman-Martin team really stands out on the blending of "Indian Love Call" and "Stormy Weather" with "Tea for Two" and the simultaneous singing of two Cole Porter

classics, "I Got a Kick Out of You" (Merman) and "I've Got You Under My Skin" (Martin).

The Milt Herth Trio also uses the old-song formula successfully on their Capitol pressing of "It's Jinks on Hammond," an LP that includes eight rhythmic songs from the past such as "Doll Dance," "St. Louis Blues" and "Humoresque."

Another fast-moving three-man combo also falls back on the old-song formula but steps up the tempo. The Art Tatum Trio, on a Capitol label, plays eight tunes, including "Indiana," "Melody in F" and "September Song."

Significant singles: Mercury's "Lazy River" by Ralph Marterie, "Sippin' Soda" by Guy Mitchell (Columbia), "Theme from the Joe Louis Story," by George Bassman's Orchestra (M-G-M), "Sled a Tear" by Savannah Churchill (Decca).

Hillbilly hit of the week: Hooper and Jethro's take-off on "Your Cheatin' Heart," (RCA-Victor). They call it "Your Clobbered Heart."

—WILLIAM D. LAFFLER.

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

I NOTICE that, as the descriptions of queues for murder trials, fish, and first nights grow more elaborate, the names and addresses of those who arrive first and wait longest are given in full—presumably to encourage the habit in the young.

The result will be that people who see their names will become conceited and ambitious. They will want to be known as queue-leaders, and there will be queue-clubs, with badges. Photographs of famous queuers will be published, and you will hear people say, in awed voices: "Look! That's Edna Goppie. She was first at last week's film premiere, and was honorably mentioned at two murder trials."

This need not be written

CARMEN On Ice. When I read this headline I thought that it was an odd choice of opera for an ice-standards. I have based what I have to say on an obviously false supposition. I found that some lorry-drivers had entered for a skating competition. One would

think that there was no more to be said. One would be right.

Ahmed Snakbah

WHAT jolly fellows the Arabs are. One of them, for a bet, "ate a camel at a sitting." Lucky for him it was not a Bactrian dromedary, which has two humps. As the poet has written:

I often get the hump when I am in the dumps,
But the poor old Bactrian dromedary gets two humps.

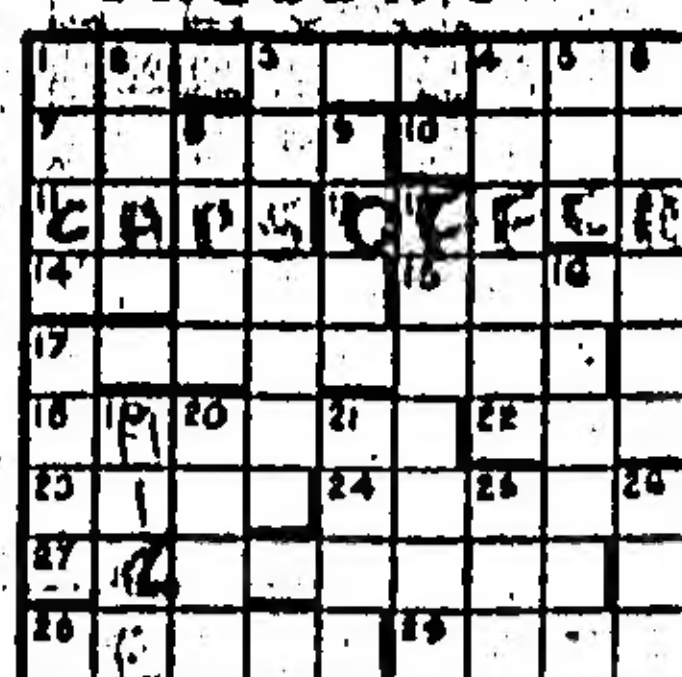
One of the sights of the desert is to see a very rich old Arab trying to thread a camel through the eye of a needle.

Song

In Bromley there is no colour-bar.
(American lady.)
Here the Red Indian strolls at ease
With swarthy Moors, in the bazaar,
And smiling aborigines;
For Bromley has no colour-bar.

There'll be a yellow man one day
To drive the black Mayor's motor-car.
O envy of the U.S.A.,
Bromley, where there's no colour-bar.

CROSSWORD



Across

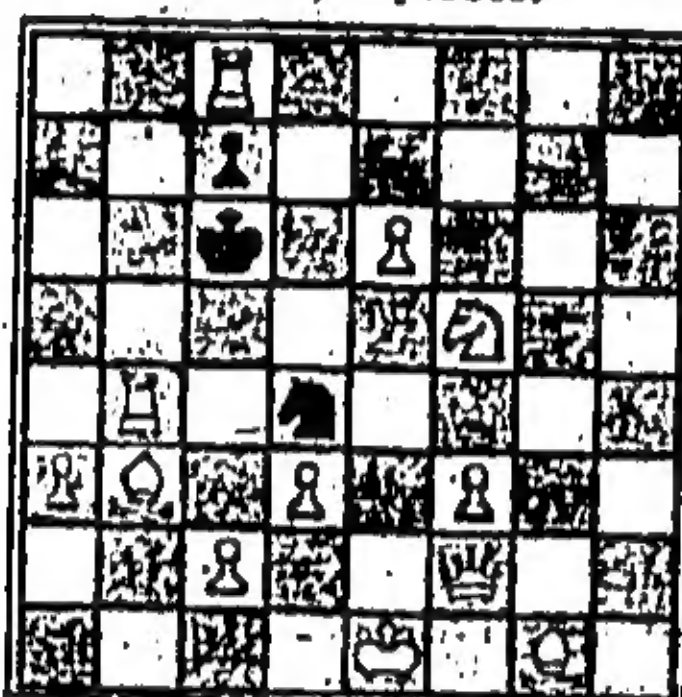
- One of the foot slaves? (5, 4)
- He thought of "The Thinker."
- Chambers doesn't panter. (4)
- Real the drinks. (4)
- No reasonable one refused any some shops. (5)
- A quality which enables youth to dispense with experience. (5)
- An ear usually has one. (4)
- Train door doesn't open on this bleak spot. (5)
- Grave matter, but licensed nowadays. (5)
- Little Edward. (3)
- Ripe meeting-place at the sea. (4)
- O rise from the willow. (5)
- "Sivered" was fair. (4)
- Quality sought after, when common. (5)
- Food from the beehives. (4)

Down

- Zeppelin was this. (4)
- Thou deep and dark blue ocean— (Byron). (4)
- In a riot. (4)
- How the infantry fight. (2, 4)
- Quite a flying card. (3)
- Death makes a real commodity. (5)
- Darling take the H.R. from a bow. (4)
- Goods found in man's left? Hardly. (7)
- Pooped Abatiana, or purg, for instance. (8)
- 22 Across may be just the place for three. (4)
- "Or — and men" is a best seller. (4)
- Open change. (4)
- Art. (4)
- Girl from "Pinafore." (3)
- Get in this and you may have to take swerving action. (3)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. PINEAU
Black, 3 pieces.

White, 12 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt×QBP (B8), any; 2. Q, or Kt mates.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

PETER R. CHADDIS

Rearrange the letters to spell his occupation.
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DARTWORDS

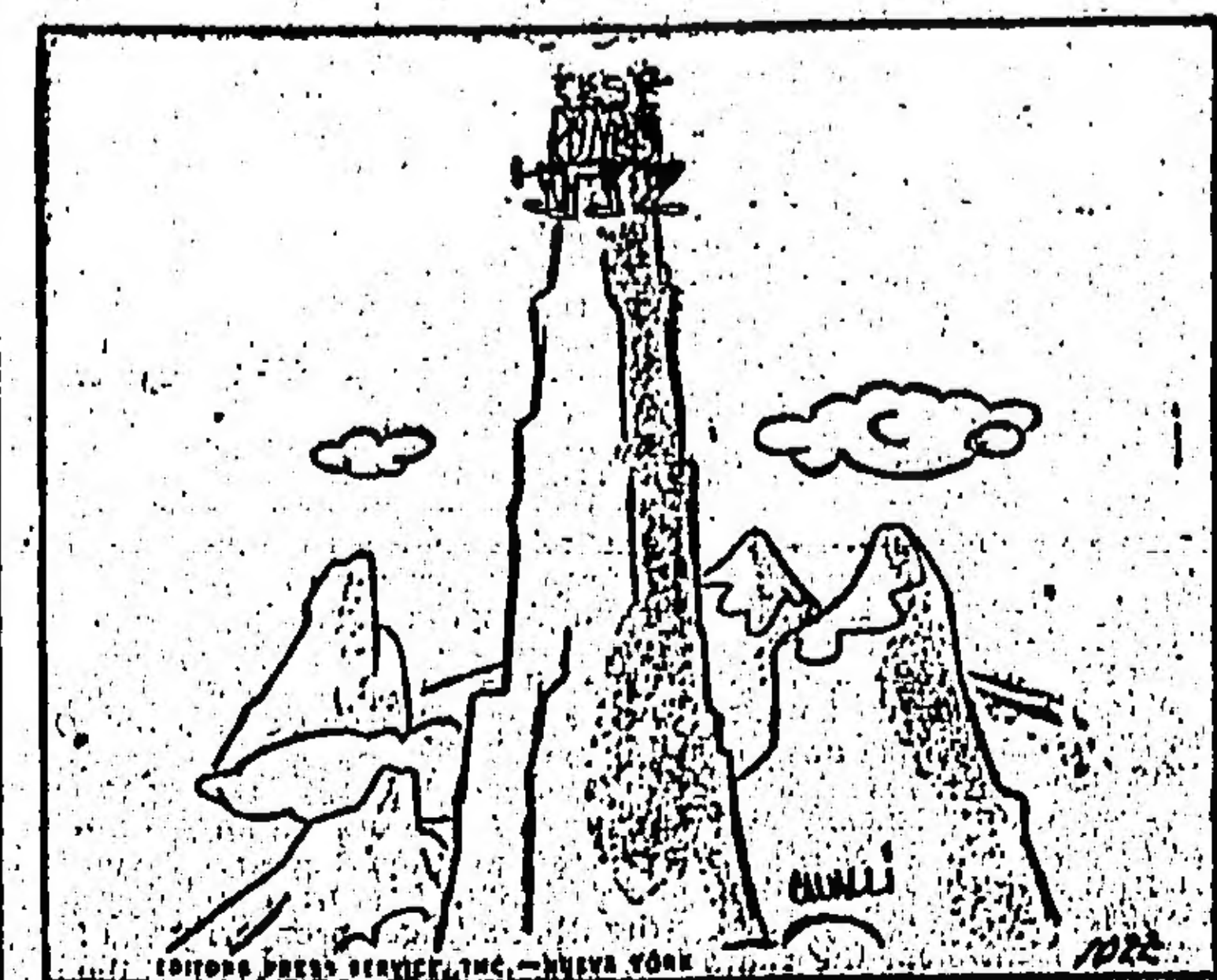
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RULES

- The word may be an anagram of the word that precedes it.
- It may be a synonym of the word that precedes it.
- It may be found by adding one letter to, or subtracting one letter from, the preceding word.
- It may be associated with the preceding word in a title or in the action of a book, play, or other composition.
- A typical succession of words might be: Gnu—Gnu—Tommy—Tucker—Fucker—Gather—Cull—Gull—Sea.

(Solution on Page 20)



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